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No. 1039

Introduced by Senator Hill

February 12, 2016

An act to amend Sections 115.6, 144, 146, 651, 656, 683, 800, 805, 805.1, 805.5, 805.6, 810, 1944, 2052.5, 2423, 2733, 2746.51, 2786.5, 2811, 2811.5, 2815, 2815.5, 2816, 2830.7, 2836.3, 2838.2, 4128.2, 4170, 4175, 4830, 4999, 4999.2, 8031, 8516, and 8518 of, to amend, repeal, and add Sections 4400, 7137, and 7153.3 of, to add Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1460) to Division 2 of, to repeal Sections 4999.1, 4999.3, 4999.4, and 4999.6 of, to repeal Article 22 (commencing with Section 2460) of Chapter 5 of Division 2 of, and to repeal and add Section Sections 2546.9, 2565, 2566, 2566.1, and 4999.5 of, the Business and Professions Code, to amend Section 13401 of the Corporations Code, to amend Section 1348.8 of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 10279 of the Insurance Code, relating to professions and vocations, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1039, as amended, Hill. Professions and vocations.

(1) Existing law requires the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to establish the Health Professions Education

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Foundation to, among other things, solicit and receive funds for the purpose of providing scholarships, as specified.

The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would establish a Dental Corps Scholarship Program, as specified, to increase the supply of dentists serving in medically underserved areas.

(2) Existing law, the Dental Practice Act, requires the Dental Hygiene Committee of California to establish by resolution the amount of the fees that relate to the licensing of a registered dental hygienist, a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, and a registered dental hygienist in extended functions. Existing law prohibits the biennial renewal fee from exceeding \$160. Existing law requires these fees to be deposited in the State Dental Hygiene Fund and makes these moneys subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

This bill would instead prohibit the biennial renewal fee from exceeding \$500.

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(3) The Medical Practice Act creates, within the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine. Under the act, certificates to practice podiatric medicine and registrations of spectacle lens dispensers and contact lens dispensers, among others, expire on a certain date during the second year of a 2-year term if not renewed.

This bill would instead create remove the California Board of Podiatric Medicine—in from the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California and would instead establish it within the Department of Consumer Affairs, and would make conforming and related changes. The bill would discontinue the above-described requirement for the expiration of the registrations of spectacle lens dispensers and contact lens dispensers. Affairs. The bill would revise and recast the podiatry provisions in this regard.

Existing law establishes various fees applicable to certificates to practice podiatric medicine, including, but not limited to, an application fee, a duplicate wall certificate fee, a duplicate renewal receipt, a letter of good standing fee or a letter for a loan deferment fee, a fee for the issuance of a resident's license, a filing fee to appeal the failure of an oral examination, and a fee for continuing education approval. Existing law also establishes a fee for ankle certification for persons licensed prior to January 1, 1984. Existing law requires these fees to be deposited

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in the Board of Podiatric Medicine Fund and makes these fees subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

This bill would delete that ankle certification fee and would increase the amounts of those other fees.

(4) Existing law makes the State Board of Optometry responsible for the regulation of nonresident contact lens sellers, registered dispensing opticians, spectacle lens dispensers, and contact lens dispensers. Existing law establishes regulatory fees in this regard, including, but not limited to, an initial registration fee, a renewal fee, and a delinquency fee. Existing law requires these fees to be deposited in the Dispensing Opticians Fund and makes these fees available, subject to appropriation, to the State Board of Optometry.

This bill would establish a specified minimum and maximum application fee amount for nonresident contact lens sellers, registered dispensing opticians, and spectacle lens dispensers. The bill would also establish increased minimum and maximum amounts for those already established fees. The bill would authorize the State Board of Optometry to periodically revise and fix these fees, as specified.

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(5) The Nursing Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of nurse practitioners by the Board of Registered Nursing, which is within the Department of Consumer Affairs, and requires the board to adopt regulations establishing standards for continuing education for licensees, as specified. That act requires providers of continuing education programs approved by the board to make records of continuing education courses given to registered nurses available for board inspection. That act also prescribes various fees to be paid by licensees and applicants for licensure, and requires these fees to be credited to the Board of Registered Nursing Fund, which is a continuously appropriated fund as it pertains to fees collected by the board.

This bill would require that the content of a continuing education course be based on generally accepted scientific principles. The bill would also require the board to audit continuing education providers, at least once every 5 years, to ensure adherence to regulatory requirements, and to withhold or rescind approval from any provider that is in violation of regulatory requirements. The bill would raise specified fees, and would provide for additional fees, to be paid by licensees and applicants for licensure pursuant to that act. By increasing fees deposited into a continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation.

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(6) The Pharmacy Law provides for the licensure and regulation of pharmacists by the California State Board of Pharmacy within the Department of Consumer Affairs. That law prescribes various fees to be paid by licensees and applicants for licensure, and requires all fees collected on behalf of the board to be credited to the Pharmacy Board Contingent Fund, which is a continuously appropriated fund as it pertains to fees collected by the board.

This bill would, on and after July 1, 2017, modify specified fees to be paid by licensees and applicants for licensure pursuant to that act. By increasing fees deposited into a continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation.

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(7) The Veterinary Medicine Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of veterinarians by the Veterinary Medical Board, which is within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Under the act, it is unlawful and a misdemeanor for any person to practice veterinary medicine in this state unless he or she holds a valid, unexpired, and unrevoked license issued by the board, except under specified circumstances, including when regularly licensed veterinarians in actual consultation from other states or when regularly licensed veterinarians are actually called from other states to attend cases in this state and do not open an office or appoint a place to do business within the state.

This bill would replace those exceptions with an exception for veterinarians holding a current, valid license in good standing in another state or country who provide assistance to a California licensed veterinarian and attend on a specific case, subject to specified conditions.

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(8) Existing law requires businesses that employ, or contract or subcontract with, the full-time equivalent of 5 or more persons functioning as health care professionals, as defined, whose primary function is to provide telephone medical advice, that provide telephone medical advice services to a patient at a California address to be registered with the Telephone Medical Advice Services Bureau and further requires telephone medical advice services to comply with the requirements established by the Department of Consumer Affairs, as specified.

This bill would discontinue the requirement that those businesses be registered with the bureau, would instead make the respective healing arts licensing boards responsible for enforcing those requirements and

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any other laws and regulations affecting those health care professionals licensed in California, and would make conforming and related changes.

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(9) The Contractors' State License Law provides for the licensure and regulation of contractors by the Contractors' State License Board within the Department of Consumer Affairs. That law also prescribes various fees to be paid by licensees and applicants for licensure, requires the board to set the fees by regulation, and requires fees and civil penalties received under that law to be deposited in the Contractors' License Fund, which is a continuously appropriated fund as it pertains to fees collected by the board.

This bill, on and after July 1, 2017, would raise specified fees, would instead authorize the board to set the fees by regulation, and would require the board to establish criteria for the approval of expedited processing of applications, as specified. By increasing fees deposited into a continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation.

(8) Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of shorthand reporters by the Court Reporters Board of California within the Department of Consumer Affairs. That law authorizes the board, by resolution, to establish a fee for the renewal of a certificate issued by the board, and prohibits the fee from exceeding \$125, as specified. Under existing law, all fees and revenues received by the board are deposited into the Court Reporters' Fund, which is a continuously appropriated fund as it pertains to fees collected by the board.

This bill would raise that fee limit to \$250. By authorizing an increase in a fee deposited into a continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation.

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(10) Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of structural pest control operators and registered companies by the Structural Pest Control Board, which is within the Department of Consumer Affairs, and requires a licensee to pay a specified license fee. Existing law makes any violation of those provisions punishable as a misdemeanor. Existing law places certain requirements on a registered company or licensee with regards to wood destroying pests or organisms, including that a registered company or licensee is prohibited from commencing work on a contract until an inspection has been made by a licensed Branch 3 field representative or operator, that the address of each property inspected or upon which work was

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completed is required to be reported to the board, as specified, and that a written inspection report be prepared and delivered to the person requesting the inspection or his or her agent. Existing law requires the original inspection report to be submitted to the board upon demand. Existing law requires that written report to contain certain information, including a foundation diagram or sketch of the structure or portions of the structure inspected, and requires the report, and any contract entered into, to expressly state if a guarantee for the work is made, and if so, the terms and time period of the guarantee. Existing law establishes the Structural Pest Control Fund, which is a continuously appropriated fund as it pertains to fees collected by the board.

This bill would require the operator who is conducting the inspection prior to the commencement of work to be employed by a registered company, except as specified. The bill would not require the address of an inspection report prepared for use by an attorney for litigation to be reported to the board or assessed a filing fee. The bill would require instead that the written inspection report be prepared and delivered to the person requesting it, the property owner, or the property owner's designated agent, as specified. The bill would allow an inspection report to be a complete, limited, supplemental, or reinspection report, as defined. The bill would require all inspection reports to be submitted to the board and maintained with field notes, activity forms, and notices of completion until one year after the guarantee expires if the guarantee extends beyond 3 years. The bill would require the inspection report to clearly list the infested or infected wood members or parts of the structure identified in the required diagram or sketch. By placing new requirements on a registered company or licensee, this bill would expand an existing crime and would, therefore, impose a state-mandated local

Existing law requires a registered company to prepare a notice of work completed to give to the owner of the property when the work is completed.

This bill would make this provision only applicable to work relating to wood destroying pests and organisms.

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(11) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would establish a Dental Corps Scholarship Program within the Health Professions Education Foundation to increase the supply of dentists serving in medically underserved areas.
- 6 SEC. 2. Section 115.6 of the Business and Professions Code 7 is amended to read:
- 8 115.6. (a) A board within the department shall, after 9 appropriate investigation, issue the following eligible temporary 10 licenses to an applicant if he or she meets the requirements set 11 forth in subdivision (c):

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- (1) Registered nurse license by the Board of Registered Nursing.
- (2) Vocational nurse license issued by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State of California.
- (3) Psychiatric technician license issued by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State of California.
- (4) Speech-language pathologist license issued by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board.
- (5) Audiologist license issued by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board.
 - (6) Veterinarian license issued by the Veterinary Medical Board.
- (7) All licenses issued by the Board for Professional Engineers,
 Land Surveyors, and Geologists.
 - (8) All licenses issued by the Medical Board of California.
 - (9) All licenses issued by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine.
- 29 (b) The board may conduct an investigation of an applicant for 30 purposes of denying or revoking a temporary license issued 31 pursuant to this section. This investigation may include a criminal 32 background check.
- 33 (c) An applicant seeking a temporary license pursuant to this section shall meet the following requirements:

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 (1) The applicant shall supply evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders.

- (2) The applicant shall hold a current, active, and unrestricted license that confers upon him or her the authority to practice, in another state, district, or territory of the United States, the profession or vocation for which he or she seeks a temporary license from the board.
- (3) The applicant shall submit an application to the board that shall include a signed affidavit attesting to the fact that he or she meets all of the requirements for the temporary license and that the information submitted in the application is accurate, to the best of his or her knowledge. The application shall also include written verification from the applicant's original licensing jurisdiction stating that the applicant's license is in good standing in that jurisdiction.
- (4) The applicant shall not have committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license under this code at the time the act was committed. A violation of this paragraph may be grounds for the denial or revocation of a temporary license issued by the board.
- (5) The applicant shall not have been disciplined by a licensing entity in another jurisdiction and shall not be the subject of an unresolved complaint, review procedure, or disciplinary proceeding conducted by a licensing entity in another jurisdiction.
- (6) The applicant shall, upon request by a board, furnish a full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal background check.
- (d) A board may adopt regulations necessary to administer this section.
- (e) A temporary license issued pursuant to this section may be immediately terminated upon a finding that the temporary licenseholder failed to meet any of the requirements described in subdivision (c) or provided substantively inaccurate information that would affect his or her eligibility for temporary licensure. Upon termination of the temporary license, the board shall issue a notice of termination that shall require the temporary

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licenseholder to immediately cease the practice of the licensed
 profession upon receipt.
 (f) An applicant seeking a temporary license as a civil engineer,

- (f) An applicant seeking a temporary license as a civil engineer, geotechnical engineer, structural engineer, land surveyor, professional geologist, professional geophysicist, certified engineering geologist, or certified hydrogeologist pursuant to this section shall successfully pass the appropriate California-specific examination or examinations required for licensure in those respective professions by the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists.
- (g) A temporary license issued pursuant to this section shall expire 12 months after issuance, upon issuance of an expedited license pursuant to Section 115.5, or upon denial of the application for expedited licensure by the board, whichever occurs first.
- SEC. 3. Section 144 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 144. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an agency designated in subdivision (b) shall require an applicant to furnish to the agency a full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting criminal history record checks. Any agency designated in subdivision (b) may obtain and receive, at its discretion, criminal history information from the Department of Justice and the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation.
 - (b) Subdivision (a) applies to the following:
- 25 (1) California Board of Accountancy.
- 26 (2) State Athletic Commission.

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- 27 (3) Board of Behavioral Sciences.
- 28 (4) Court Reporters Board of California.
- 29 (5) State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind.
- 30 (6) California State Board of Pharmacy.
- 31 (7) Board of Registered Nursing.
- 32 (8) Veterinary Medical Board.
- 33 (9) Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians.
- 34 (10) Respiratory Care Board of California.
- 35 (11) Physical Therapy Board of California.
- 36 (12) Physician Assistant Committee of the Medical Board of 37 California.
- 38 (13) Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing
- 39 Aid Dispenser Board.
- 40 (14) Medical Board of California.

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1 (15) State Board of Optometry.

- 2 (16) Acupuncture Board.
- 3 (17) Cemetery and Funeral Bureau.
- 4 (18) Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.
- 5 (19) Division of Investigation.
- 6 (20) Board of Psychology.

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- 7 (21) California Board of Occupational Therapy.
- 8 (22) Structural Pest Control Board.
 - (23) Contractors' State License Board.
- 10 (24) Naturopathic Medicine Committee.
- 11 (25) Professional Fiduciaries Bureau.
- 12 (26) Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and 13 Geologists.
 - (27) Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation.
- 15 (28) California Board of Podiatric Medicine.
 - (c) For purposes of paragraph (26) of subdivision (b), the term "applicant" shall be limited to an initial applicant who has never been registered or licensed by the board or to an applicant for a new licensure or registration category.
 - SEC. 4. Section 146 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 146. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a violation of any code section listed in subdivision (c) is an infraction subject to the procedures described in Sections 19.6 and 19.7 of the Penal Code when either of the following applies:
 - (1) A complaint or a written notice to appear in court pursuant to Chapter 5c (commencing with Section 853.5) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code is filed in court charging the offense as an infraction unless the defendant, at the time he or she is arraigned, after being advised of his or her rights, elects to have the case proceed as a misdemeanor.
 - (2) The court, with the consent of the defendant and the prosecution, determines that the offense is an infraction in which event the case shall proceed as if the defendant has been arraigned on an infraction complaint.
 - (b) Subdivision (a) does not apply to a violation of the code sections listed in subdivision (c) if the defendant has had his or her license, registration, or certificate previously revoked or suspended.

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- 1 (c) The following sections require registration, licensure, 2 certification, or other authorization in order to engage in certain 3 businesses or professions regulated by this code:
- 4 (1) Section 1474.
- 5 (2) Sections 2052 and 2054.
- 6 (3) Section 2630.
- 7 (4) Section 2903.
- 8 (5) Section 3575.
- 9 (6) Section 3660.
- 10 (7) Sections 3760 and 3761.
- 11 (8) Section 4080.
- 12 (9) Section 4825.
- 13 (10) Section 4935.
- 14 (11) Section 4980.
- 15 (12) Section 4989.50.
- 16 (13) Section 4996.
- 17 (14) Section 4999.30.
- 18 (15) Section 5536.
- 19 (16) Section 6704.
- 20 (17) Section 6980.10.
- 21 (18) Section 7317.
- 22 (19) Section 7502 or 7592.
- 23 (20) Section 7520.
- 24 (21) Section 7617 or 7641.
- 25 (22) Subdivision (a) of Section 7872.
- 26 (23) Section 8016.
- 27 (24) Section 8505.
- 28 (25) Section 8725.
- 29 (26) Section 9681.
- 30 (27) Section 9840.
- 31 (28) Subdivision (c) of Section 9891.24.
- 32 (29) Section 19049.
- 33 (d) Notwithstanding any other law, a violation of any of the 34 sections listed in subdivision (c), which is an infraction, is 35 punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars 36 (\$250) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). No portion 37 of the minimum fine may be suspended by the court unless as a 38 condition of that suspension the defendant is required to submit 39 proof of a current valid license, registration, or certificate for the
- 40 profession or vocation that was the basis for his or her conviction.

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SEC. 5. Section 651 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

- 651. (a) It is unlawful for any person licensed under this division or under any initiative act referred to in this division to disseminate or cause to be disseminated any form of public communication containing a false, fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive statement, claim, or image for the purpose of or likely to induce, directly or indirectly, the rendering of professional services or furnishing of products in connection with the professional practice or business for which he or she is licensed. A "public communication" as used in this section includes, but is not limited to, communication by means of mail, television, radio, motion picture, newspaper, book, list or directory of healing arts practitioners, Internet, or other electronic communication.
- (b) A false, fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive statement, claim, or image includes a statement or claim that does any of the following:
 - (1) Contains a misrepresentation of fact.
- (2) Is likely to mislead or deceive because of a failure to disclose material facts.
- (3) (A) Is intended or is likely to create false or unjustified expectations of favorable results, including the use of any photograph or other image that does not accurately depict the results of the procedure being advertised or that has been altered in any manner from the image of the actual subject depicted in the photograph or image.
- (B) Use of any photograph or other image of a model without clearly stating in a prominent location in easily readable type the fact that the photograph or image is of a model is a violation of subdivision (a). For purposes of this paragraph, a model is anyone other than an actual patient, who has undergone the procedure being advertised, of the licensee who is advertising for his or her services.
- (C) Use of any photograph or other image of an actual patient that depicts or purports to depict the results of any procedure, or presents "before" and "after" views of a patient, without specifying in a prominent location in easily readable type size what procedures were performed on that patient is a violation of subdivision (a). Any "before" and "after" views (i) shall be comparable in presentation so that the results are not distorted by favorable poses,

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lighting, or other features of presentation, and (ii) shall contain a statement that the same "before" and "after" results may not occur for all patients.

- (4) Relates to fees, other than a standard consultation fee or a range of fees for specific types of services, without fully and specifically disclosing all variables and other material factors.
- (5) Contains other representations or implications that in reasonable probability will cause an ordinarily prudent person to misunderstand or be deceived.
- (6) Makes a claim either of professional superiority or of performing services in a superior manner, unless that claim is relevant to the service being performed and can be substantiated with objective scientific evidence.
- (7) Makes a scientific claim that cannot be substantiated by reliable, peer reviewed, published scientific studies.
- (8) Includes any statement, endorsement, or testimonial that is likely to mislead or deceive because of a failure to disclose material facts.
- (c) Any price advertisement shall be exact, without the use of phrases, including, but not limited to, "as low as," "and up," "lowest prices," or words or phrases of similar import. Any advertisement that refers to services, or costs for services, and that uses words of comparison shall be based on verifiable data substantiating the comparison. Any person so advertising shall be prepared to provide information sufficient to establish the accuracy of that comparison. Price advertising shall not be fraudulent, deceitful, or misleading, including statements or advertisements of bait, discount, premiums, gifts, or any statements of a similar nature. In connection with price advertising, the price for each product or service shall be clearly identifiable. The price advertised for products shall include charges for any related professional services, including dispensing and fitting services, unless the advertisement specifically and clearly indicates otherwise.
- (d) Any person so licensed shall not compensate or give anything of value to a representative of the press, radio, television, or other communication medium in anticipation of, or in return for, professional publicity unless the fact of compensation is made known in that publicity.
- (e) Any person so licensed may not use any professional card, professional announcement card, office sign, letterhead, telephone

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directory listing, medical list, medical directory listing, or a similar professional notice or device if it includes a statement or claim that is false, fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive within the meaning of subdivision (b).

- (f) Any person so licensed who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. A bona fide mistake of fact shall be a defense to this subdivision, but only to this subdivision.
- (g) Any violation of this section by a person so licensed shall constitute good cause for revocation or suspension of his or her license or other disciplinary action.
- (h) Advertising by any person so licensed may include the following:
 - (1) A statement of the name of the practitioner.
- (2) A statement of addresses and telephone numbers of the offices maintained by the practitioner.
- (3) A statement of office hours regularly maintained by the practitioner.
- (4) A statement of languages, other than English, fluently spoken by the practitioner or a person in the practitioner's office.
- (5) (A) A statement that the practitioner is certified by a private or public board or agency or a statement that the practitioner limits his or her practice to specific fields.
- (B) A statement of certification by a practitioner licensed under Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 3000) shall only include a statement that he or she is certified or eligible for certification by a private or public board or parent association recognized by that practitioner's licensing board.
- (C) A physician and surgeon licensed under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000) by the Medical Board of California may include a statement that he or she limits his or her practice to specific fields, but shall not include a statement that he or she is certified or eligible for certification by a private or public board or parent association, including, but not limited to, a multidisciplinary board or association, unless that board or association is (i) an American Board of Medical Specialties member board, (ii) a board or association with equivalent requirements approved by that physician and surgeon's licensing board, or (iii) a board or association with an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education approved postgraduate training program that provides complete training in that specialty or

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subspecialty. A physician and surgeon licensed under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000) by the Medical Board of California who is certified by an organization other than a board or association referred to in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) shall not use the term "board certified" in reference to that certification, unless the physician and surgeon is also licensed under Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1600) and the use of the term "board certified" in reference to that certification is in accordance with subparagraph (A). A physician and surgeon licensed under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000) by the Medical Board of California who is certified by a board or association referred to in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) shall not use the term "board certified" unless the full name of the certifying board is also used and given comparable prominence with the term "board certified" in the statement.

For purposes of this subparagraph, a "multidisciplinary board or association" means an educational certifying body that has a psychometrically valid testing process, as determined by the Medical Board of California, for certifying medical doctors and other health care professionals that is based on the applicant's education, training, and experience.

For purposes of the term "board certified," as used in this subparagraph, the terms "board" and "association" mean an organization that is an American Board of Medical Specialties member board, an organization with equivalent requirements approved by a physician and surgeon's licensing board, or an organization with an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education approved postgraduate training program that provides complete training in a specialty or subspecialty.

The Medical Board of California shall adopt regulations to establish and collect a reasonable fee from each board or association applying for recognition pursuant to this subparagraph. The fee shall not exceed the cost of administering this subparagraph. Notwithstanding Section 2 of Chapter 1660 of the Statutes of 1990, this subparagraph shall become operative July 1, 1993. However, an administrative agency or accrediting organization may take any action contemplated by this subparagraph relating to the establishment or approval of specialist requirements on and after January 1, 1991.

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(D) A doctor of podiatric medicine licensed under Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1460) by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine may include a statement that he or she is certified or eligible or qualified for certification by a private or public board or parent association, including, but not limited to, a multidisciplinary board or association, if that board or association meets one of the following requirements: (i) is approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education, (ii) is a board or association with equivalent requirements approved by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, or (iii) is a board or association with the Council on Podiatric Medical Education approved postgraduate training programs that provide training in podiatric medicine and podiatric surgery. A doctor of podiatric medicine licensed under Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1460) by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine who is certified by a board or association referred to in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) shall not use the term "board certified" unless the full name of the certifying board is also used and given comparable prominence with the term "board certified" in the statement. A doctor of podiatric medicine licensed under Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1460) by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine who is certified by an organization other than a board or association referred to in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) shall not use the term "board certified" in reference to that certification.

For purposes of this subparagraph, a "multidisciplinary board or association" means an educational certifying body that has a psychometrically valid testing process, as determined by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, for certifying doctors of podiatric medicine that is based on the applicant's education, training, and experience. For purposes of the term "board certified," as used in this subparagraph, the terms "board" and "association" mean an organization that is a Council on Podiatric Medical Education approved board, an organization with equivalent requirements approved by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, or an organization with a Council on Podiatric Medical Education approved postgraduate training program that provides training in podiatric medicine and podiatric surgery.

The California Board of Podiatric Medicine shall adopt regulations to establish and collect a reasonable fee from each board or association applying for recognition pursuant to this _17_ SB 1039

subparagraph, to be deposited in the State Treasury in the Podiatry Fund, pursuant to Section 1499. The fee shall not exceed the cost of administering this subparagraph.

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- (6) A statement that the practitioner provides services under a specified private or public insurance plan or health care plan.
- (7) A statement of names of schools and postgraduate clinical training programs from which the practitioner has graduated, together with the degrees received.
 - (8) A statement of publications authored by the practitioner.
- (9) A statement of teaching positions currently or formerly held by the practitioner, together with pertinent dates.
- (10) A statement of his or her affiliations with hospitals or clinics.
- (11) A statement of the charges or fees for services or commodities offered by the practitioner.
- (12) A statement that the practitioner regularly accepts installment payments of fees.
- (13) Otherwise lawful images of a practitioner, his or her physical facilities, or of a commodity to be advertised.
- (14) A statement of the manufacturer, designer, style, make, trade name, brand name, color, size, or type of commodities advertised.
- (15) An advertisement of a registered dispensing optician may include statements in addition to those specified in paragraphs (1) to (14), inclusive, provided that any statement shall not violate subdivision (a), (b), (c), or (e) or any other section of this code.
- (16) A statement, or statements, providing public health information encouraging preventative or corrective care.
- (17) Any other item of factual information that is not false, fraudulent, misleading, or likely to deceive.
- (i) Each of the healing arts boards and examining committees within Division 2 shall adopt appropriate regulations to enforce this section in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
- Each of the healing arts boards and committees and examining committees within Division 2 shall, by regulation, define those efficacious services to be advertised by businesses or professions under their jurisdiction for the purpose of determining whether advertisements are false or misleading. Until a definition for that

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service has been issued, no advertisement for that service shall be disseminated. However, if a definition of a service has not been issued by a board or committee within 120 days of receipt of a request from a licensee, all those holding the license may advertise the service. Those boards and committees shall adopt or modify regulations defining what services may be advertised, the manner in which defined services may be advertised, and restricting advertising that would promote the inappropriate or excessive use of health services or commodities. A board or committee shall not, by regulation, unreasonably prevent truthful, nondeceptive price or otherwise lawful forms of advertising of services or commodities, by either outright prohibition or imposition of onerous disclosure requirements. However, any member of a board or committee acting in good faith in the adoption or enforcement of any regulation shall be deemed to be acting as an agent of the state.

- (j) The Attorney General shall commence legal proceedings in the appropriate forum to enjoin advertisements disseminated or about to be disseminated in violation of this section and seek other appropriate relief to enforce this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the costs of enforcing this section to the respective licensing boards or committees may be awarded against any licensee found to be in violation of any provision of this section. This shall not diminish the power of district attorneys, county counsels, or city attorneys pursuant to existing law to seek appropriate relief.
- (k) A physician and surgeon licensed pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000) by the Medical Board of California or a doctor of podiatric medicine licensed pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1460) by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine who knowingly and intentionally violates this section may be cited and assessed an administrative fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per event. Section 125.9 shall govern the issuance of this citation and fine except that the fine limitations prescribed in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 125.9 shall not apply to a fine under this subdivision.
- SEC. 6. Section 656 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 656. Whenever any person has engaged, or is about to engage, in any acts or practices that constitute, or will constitute, a violation

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of this article, the superior court in and for the county wherein the acts or practices take place, or are about to take place, may issue an injunction, or other appropriate order, restraining the conduct on application of the State Board of Optometry, the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, the Attorney General, or the district attorney of the county.

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The proceedings under this section shall be governed by Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 525) of Title 7 of Part 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

The remedy provided for in this section shall be in addition to, and not a limitation upon, the authority provided by any other provision of this code.

- SEC. 7. Section 683 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 683. (a) A board shall report, within 10 working days, to the State Department of Health Care Services the name and license number of a person whose license has been revoked, suspended, surrendered, made inactive by the licensee, or placed in another category that prohibits the licensee from practicing his or her profession. The purpose of the reporting requirement is to prevent reimbursement by the state for Medi-Cal and Denti-Cal services provided after the cancellation of a provider's professional license.
- (b) "Board," as used in this section, means the Dental Board of California, the Medical Board of California, the Board of Psychology, the State Board of Optometry, the California State Board of Pharmacy, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the Board of Behavioral Sciences, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, and the California Board of Occupational Therapy.
- SEC. 8. Section 800 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 33 800. (a) The Medical Board of California, the California Board 34 of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Psychology, the Dental Board 35 of California, the Dental Hygiene Committee of California, the 36 Osteopathic Medical Board of California, the State Board of 37 Chiropractic Examiners, the Board of Registered Nursing, the 38 Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the 39 State of California, the State Board of Optometry, the Veterinary
- 40 Medical Board, the Board of Behavioral Sciences, the Physical

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1 Therapy Board of California, the California State Board of

- 2 Pharmacy, the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and
- 3 Hearing Aid Dispensers Board, the California Board of
- 4 Occupational Therapy, the Acupuncture Board, and the Physician
- 5 Assistant Board shall each separately create and maintain a central
- 6 file of the names of all persons who hold a license, certificate, or
- 7 similar authority from that board. Each central file shall be created
- 8 and maintained to provide an individual historical record for each
- 9 licensee with respect to the following information:
 - (1) Any conviction of a crime in this or any other state that constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 803.
 - (2) Any judgment or settlement requiring the licensee or his or her insurer to pay any amount of damages in excess of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for any claim that injury or death was proximately caused by the licensee's negligence, error or omission in practice, or by rendering unauthorized professional services, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 801 or 802.
 - (3) Any public complaints for which provision is made pursuant to subdivision (b).
 - (4) Disciplinary information reported pursuant to Section 805, including any additional exculpatory or explanatory statements submitted by the licentiate pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 805. If a court finds, in a final judgment, that the peer review resulting in the 805 report was conducted in bad faith and the licensee who is the subject of the report notifies the board of that finding, the board shall include that finding in the central file. For purposes of this paragraph, "peer review" has the same meaning as defined in Section 805.
 - (5) Information reported pursuant to Section 805.01, including any explanatory or exculpatory information submitted by the licensee pursuant to subdivision (b) of that section.
 - (b) (1) Each board shall prescribe and promulgate forms on which members of the public and other licensees or certificate holders may file written complaints to the board alleging any act of misconduct in, or connected with, the performance of professional services by the licensee.
 - (2) If a board, or division thereof, a committee, or a panel has failed to act upon a complaint or report within five years, or has

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found that the complaint or report is without merit, the central file shall be purged of information relating to the complaint or report.

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- (3) Notwithstanding this subdivision, the Board of Psychology, the Board of Behavioral Sciences, and the Respiratory Care Board of California shall maintain complaints or reports as long as each board deems necessary.
- (c) (1) The contents of any central file that are not public records under any other provision of law shall be confidential except that the licensee involved, or his or her counsel or representative, shall have the right to inspect and have copies made of his or her complete file except for the provision that may disclose the identity of an information source. For the purposes of this section, a board may protect an information source by providing a copy of the material with only those deletions necessary to protect the identity of the source or by providing a comprehensive summary of the substance of the material. Whichever method is used, the board shall ensure that full disclosure is made to the subject of any personal information that could reasonably in any way reflect or convey anything detrimental, disparaging, or threatening to a licensee's reputation, rights, benefits, privileges, or qualifications, or be used by a board to make a determination that would affect a licensee's rights, benefits, privileges, or qualifications. The information required to be disclosed pursuant to Section 803.1 shall not be considered among the contents of a central file for the purposes of this subdivision.
- (2) The licensee may, but is not required to, submit any additional exculpatory or explanatory statement or other information that the board shall include in the central file.
- (3) Each board may permit any law enforcement or regulatory agency when required for an investigation of unlawful activity or for licensing, certification, or regulatory purposes to inspect and have copies made of that licensee's file, unless the disclosure is otherwise prohibited by law.
- (4) These disclosures shall effect no change in the confidential status of these records.
- SEC. 9. Section 805 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 805. (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the following definitions:
 - (1) (A) "Peer review" means both of the following:

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(i) A process in which a peer review body reviews the basic qualifications, staff privileges, employment, medical outcomes, or professional conduct of licentiates to make recommendations for quality improvement and education, if necessary, in order to do either or both of the following:

- (I) Determine whether a licentiate may practice or continue to practice in a health care facility, clinic, or other setting providing medical services, and, if so, to determine the parameters of that practice.
- (II) Assess and improve the quality of care rendered in a health care facility, clinic, or other setting providing medical services.
- (ii) Any other activities of a peer review body as specified in subparagraph (B).
 - (B) "Peer review body" includes:
- (i) A medical or professional staff of any health care facility or clinic licensed under Division 2 (commencing with Section 1200) of the Health and Safety Code or of a facility certified to participate in the federal Medicare program as an ambulatory surgical center.
- (ii) A health care service plan licensed under Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code or a disability insurer that contracts with licentiates to provide services at alternative rates of payment pursuant to Section 10133 of the Insurance Code.
- (iii) Any medical, psychological, marriage and family therapy, social work, professional clinical counselor, dental, or podiatric professional society having as members at least 25 percent of the eligible licentiates in the area in which it functions (which must include at least one county), which is not organized for profit and which has been determined to be exempt from taxes pursuant to Section 23701 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (iv) A committee organized by any entity consisting of or employing more than 25 licentiates of the same class that functions for the purpose of reviewing the quality of professional care provided by members or employees of that entity.
- (2) "Licentiate" means a physician and surgeon, doctor of podiatric medicine, clinical psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical social worker, professional clinical counselor, dentist, or physician assistant. "Licentiate" also includes a person authorized to practice medicine pursuant to Section 2113 or 2168.

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(3) "Agency" means the relevant state licensing agency having regulatory jurisdiction over the licentiates listed in paragraph (2).

- (4) "Staff privileges" means any arrangement under which a licentiate is allowed to practice in or provide care for patients in a health facility. Those arrangements shall include, but are not limited to, full staff privileges, active staff privileges, limited staff privileges, auxiliary staff privileges, provisional staff privileges, temporary staff privileges, courtesy staff privileges, locum tenens arrangements, and contractual arrangements to provide professional services, including, but not limited to, arrangements to provide outpatient services.
- (5) "Denial or termination of staff privileges, membership, or employment" includes failure or refusal to renew a contract or to renew, extend, or reestablish any staff privileges, if the action is based on medical disciplinary cause or reason.
- (6) "Medical disciplinary cause or reason" means that aspect of a licentiate's competence or professional conduct that is reasonably likely to be detrimental to patient safety or to the delivery of patient care.
- (7) "805 report" means the written report required under subdivision (b).
- (b) The chief of staff of a medical or professional staff or other chief executive officer, medical director, or administrator of any peer review body and the chief executive officer or administrator of any licensed health care facility or clinic shall file an 805 report with the relevant agency within 15 days after the effective date on which any of the following occur as a result of an action of a peer review body:
- (1) A licentiate's application for staff privileges or membership is denied or rejected for a medical disciplinary cause or reason.
- (2) A licentiate's membership, staff privileges, or employment is terminated or revoked for a medical disciplinary cause or reason.
- (3) Restrictions are imposed, or voluntarily accepted, on staff privileges, membership, or employment for a cumulative total of 30 days or more for any 12-month period, for a medical disciplinary cause or reason.
- (c) If a licentiate takes any action listed in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) after receiving notice of a pending investigation initiated for a medical disciplinary cause or reason or after receiving notice that his or her application for membership or staff privileges is

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denied or will be denied for a medical disciplinary cause or reason, the chief of staff of a medical or professional staff or other chief executive officer, medical director, or administrator of any peer review body and the chief executive officer or administrator of any licensed health care facility or clinic where the licentiate is employed or has staff privileges or membership or where the licentiate applied for staff privileges or membership, or sought the renewal thereof, shall file an 805 report with the relevant agency within 15 days after the licentiate takes the action.

- (1) Resigns or takes a leave of absence from membership, staff privileges, or employment.
- (2) Withdraws or abandons his or her application for staff privileges or membership.
- (3) Withdraws or abandons his or her request for renewal of staff privileges or membership.
- (d) For purposes of filing an 805 report, the signature of at least one of the individuals indicated in subdivision (b) or (c) on the completed form shall constitute compliance with the requirement to file the report.
- (e) An 805 report shall also be filed within 15 days following the imposition of summary suspension of staff privileges, membership, or employment, if the summary suspension remains in effect for a period in excess of 14 days.
- (f) A copy of the 805 report, and a notice advising the licentiate of his or her right to submit additional statements or other information, electronically or otherwise, pursuant to Section 800, shall be sent by the peer review body to the licentiate named in the report. The notice shall also advise the licentiate that information submitted electronically will be publicly disclosed to those who request the information.

The information to be reported in an 805 report shall include the name and license number of the licentiate involved, a description of the facts and circumstances of the medical disciplinary cause or reason, and any other relevant information deemed appropriate by the reporter.

A supplemental report shall also be made within 30 days following the date the licentiate is deemed to have satisfied any terms, conditions, or sanctions imposed as disciplinary action by the reporting peer review body. In performing its dissemination functions required by Section 805.5, the agency shall include a

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copy of a supplemental report, if any, whenever it furnishes a copy of the original 805 report.

If another peer review body is required to file an 805 report, a health care service plan is not required to file a separate report with respect to action attributable to the same medical disciplinary cause or reason. If the Medical Board of California or a licensing agency of another state revokes or suspends, without a stay, the license of a physician and surgeon, a peer review body is not required to file an 805 report when it takes an action as a result of the revocation or suspension. If the California Board of Podiatric Medicine or a licensing agency of another state revokes or suspends, without a stay, the license of a doctor of podiatric medicine, a peer review body is not required to file an 805 report when it takes an action as a result of the revocation or suspension.

- (g) The reporting required by this section shall not act as a waiver of confidentiality of medical records and committee reports. The information reported or disclosed shall be kept confidential except as provided in subdivision (c) of Section 800 and Sections 803.1 and 2027, provided that a copy of the report containing the information required by this section may be disclosed as required by Section 805.5 with respect to reports received on or after January 1, 1976.
- (h) The Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, and the Dental Board of California shall disclose reports as required by Section 805.5.
- (i) An 805 report shall be maintained electronically by an agency for dissemination purposes for a period of three years after receipt.
- (j) No person shall incur any civil or criminal liability as the result of making any report required by this section.
- (k) A willful failure to file an 805 report by any person who is designated or otherwise required by law to file an 805 report is punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per violation. The fine may be imposed in any civil or administrative action or proceeding brought by or on behalf of any agency having regulatory jurisdiction over the person regarding whom the report was or should have been filed. If the person who is designated or otherwise required to file an 805 report is a licensed physician and surgeon, the action or proceeding shall be brought by the Medical Board of California. If the person who is

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designated or otherwise required to file an 805 report is a licensed 2 doctor of podiatric medicine, the action or proceeding shall be 3 brought by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine. The fine 4 shall be paid to that agency but not expended until appropriated 5 by the Legislature. A violation of this subdivision may constitute 6 unprofessional conduct by the licentiate. A person who is alleged 7 to have violated this subdivision may assert any defense available at law. As used in this subdivision, "willful" means a voluntary 9 and intentional violation of a known legal duty.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (k), any failure by the administrator of any peer review body, the chief executive officer or administrator of any health care facility, or any person who is designated or otherwise required by law to file an 805 report, shall be punishable by a fine that under no circumstances shall exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per violation. The fine may be imposed in any civil or administrative action or proceeding brought by or on behalf of any agency having regulatory jurisdiction over the person regarding whom the report was or should have been filed. If the person who is designated or otherwise required to file an 805 report is a licensed physician and surgeon, the action or proceeding shall be brought by the Medical Board of California. If the person who is designated or otherwise required to file an 805 report is a licensed doctor of podiatric medicine, the action or proceeding shall be brought by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine. The fine shall be paid to that agency but not expended until appropriated by the Legislature. The amount of the fine imposed, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per violation, shall be proportional to the severity of the failure to report and shall differ based upon written findings, including whether the failure to file caused harm to a patient or created a risk to patient safety; whether the administrator of any peer review body, the chief executive officer or administrator of any health care facility, or any person who is designated or otherwise required by law to file an 805 report exercised due diligence despite the failure to file or whether they knew or should have known that an 805 report would not be filed; and whether there has been a prior failure to file an 805 report. The amount of the fine imposed may also differ based on whether a health care facility is a small or rural hospital as defined in Section 124840 of the Health and Safety Code.

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(m) A health care service plan licensed under Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code or a disability insurer that negotiates and enters into a contract with licentiates to provide services at alternative rates of payment pursuant to Section 10133 of the Insurance Code, when determining participation with the plan or insurer, shall evaluate, on a case-by-case basis, licentiates who are the subject of an 805 report, and not automatically exclude or deselect these licentiates.

SEC. 10. Section 805.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

- 805.1. (a) The Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, and the Dental Board of California shall be entitled to inspect and copy the following documents in the record of any disciplinary proceeding resulting in action that is required to be reported pursuant to Section 805:
 - (1) Any statement of charges.

- (2) Any document, medical chart, or exhibits in evidence.
- (3) Any opinion, findings, or conclusions.
- (4) Any certified copy of medical records, as permitted by other applicable law.
- (b) The information so disclosed shall be kept confidential and not subject to discovery, in accordance with Section 800, except that it may be reviewed, as provided in subdivision (c) of Section 800, and may be disclosed in any subsequent disciplinary hearing conducted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).
- SEC. 11. Section 805.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 805.5. (a) Prior to granting or renewing staff privileges for any physician and surgeon, psychologist, podiatrist, or dentist, any health facility licensed pursuant to Division 2 (commencing with Section 1200) of the Health and Safety Code, any health care service plan or medical care foundation, the medical staff of the institution, a facility certified to participate in the federal Medicare Program as an ambulatory surgical center, or an outpatient setting accredited pursuant to Section 1248.1 of the Health and Safety Code shall request a report from the Medical Board of California, the Board of Psychology, the Cagifornia California Board of

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Podiatric Medicine, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, 1 2 or the Dental Board of California to determine if any report has 3

been made pursuant to Section 805 indicating that the applying

- 4 physician and surgeon, psychologist, podiatrist, or dentist has been 5 denied staff privileges, been removed from a medical staff, or had
- his or her staff privileges restricted as provided in Section 805. 6
- 7 The request shall include the name and California license number
- 8 of the physician and surgeon, psychologist, podiatrist, or dentist.
- 9 Furnishing of a copy of the 805 report shall not cause the 805 10 report to be a public record.
 - (b) Upon a request made by, or on behalf of, an institution described in subdivision (a) or its medical staff the board shall furnish a copy of any report made pursuant to Section 805 as well as any additional exculpatory or explanatory information submitted electronically to the board by the licensee pursuant to subdivision (f) of that section. However, the board shall not send a copy of a report (1) if the denial, removal, or restriction was imposed solely because of the failure to complete medical records, (2) if the board has found the information reported is without merit, (3) if a court finds, in a final judgment, that the peer review, as defined in Section 805, resulting in the report was conducted in bad faith and the licensee who is the subject of the report notifies the board of that finding, or (4) if a period of three years has elapsed since the report was submitted. This three-year period shall be tolled during any period the licentiate has obtained a judicial order precluding disclosure of the report, unless the board is finally and permanently precluded by judicial order from disclosing the report. If a request is received by the board while the board is subject to a judicial order limiting or precluding disclosure, the board shall provide a disclosure to any qualified requesting party as soon as practicable after the judicial order is no longer in force.

If the board fails to advise the institution within 30 working days following its request for a report required by this section, the institution may grant or renew staff privileges for the physician and surgeon, psychologist, podiatrist, or dentist.

(c) Any institution described in subdivision (a) or its medical staff that violates subdivision (a) is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200) nor more than one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200).

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SEC. 12. Section 805.6 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

- 805.6. (a) The Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Osteopathic Medical Board, and the Dental Board of California shall establish a system of electronic notification that is either initiated by the board or can be accessed by qualified subscribers, and that is designed to achieve early notification to qualified recipients of the existence of new reports that are filed pursuant to Section 805.
- (b) The State Department of Health Services shall notify the appropriate licensing agency of any reporting violations pursuant to Section 805.
- (c) The Department of Managed Health Care shall notify the appropriate licensing agency of any reporting violations pursuant to Section 805.
- SEC. 13. Section 810 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 810. (a) It shall constitute unprofessional conduct and grounds for disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of a license or certificate, for a health care professional to do any of the following in connection with his or her professional activities:
- (1) Knowingly present or cause to be presented any false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss under a contract of insurance.
- (2) Knowingly prepare, make, or subscribe any writing, with intent to present or use the same, or to allow it to be presented or used in support of any false or fraudulent claim.
- (b) It shall constitute cause for revocation or suspension of a license or certificate for a health care professional to engage in any conduct prohibited under Section 1871.4 of the Insurance Code or Section 549 or 550 of the Penal Code.
- (c) (1) It shall constitute cause for automatic suspension of a license or certificate issued pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1460), Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1600), Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000), Chapter 6.6 (commencing with Section 2900), Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 3000), or Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 4000), or pursuant to the Chiropractic Act or the Osteopathic Act, if a licensee or certificate holder has been convicted of any felony involving fraud committed by the licensee or certificate holder in

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1 conjunction with providing benefits covered by worker's 2 compensation insurance, or has been convicted of any felony 3 involving Medi-Cal fraud committed by the licensee or certificate 4 holder in conjunction with the Medi-Cal program, including the 5 Denti-Cal element of the Medi-Cal program, pursuant to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 14000), or Chapter 8 (commencing 6 with Section 14200), of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and 8 Institutions Code. The board shall convene a disciplinary hearing to determine whether or not the license or certificate shall be suspended, revoked, or some other disposition shall be considered, 10 including, but not limited to, revocation with the opportunity to 11 12 petition for reinstatement, suspension, or other limitations on the 13 license or certificate as the board deems appropriate.

- (2) It shall constitute cause for automatic suspension and for revocation of a license or certificate issued pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1460), Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1600), Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000), Chapter 6.6 (commencing with Section 2900), Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 3000), or Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 4000), or pursuant to the Chiropractic Act or the Osteopathic Act, if a licensee or certificate holder has more than one conviction of any felony arising out of separate prosecutions involving fraud committed by the licensee or certificate holder in conjunction with providing benefits covered by worker's compensation insurance, or in conjunction with the Medi-Cal program, including the Denti-Cal element of the Medi-Cal program pursuant to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 14000), or Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 14200), of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The board shall convene a disciplinary hearing to revoke the license or certificate and an order of revocation shall be issued unless the board finds mitigating circumstances to order some other disposition.
- (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that paragraph (2) apply to a licensee or certificate holder who has one or more convictions prior to January 1, 2004, as provided in this subdivision.
- (4) Nothing in this subdivision shall preclude a board from suspending or revoking a license or certificate pursuant to any other provision of law.
- (5) "Board," as used in this subdivision, means the Dental Board of California, the Medical Board of California, the California Board

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of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Psychology, the State Board of Optometry, the California State Board of Pharmacy, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, and the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

- (6) "More than one conviction," as used in this subdivision, means that the licensee or certificate holder has one or more convictions prior to January 1, 2004, and at least one conviction on or after that date, or the licensee or certificate holder has two or more convictions on or after January 1, 2004. However, a licensee or certificate holder who has one or more convictions prior to January 1, 2004, but who has no convictions and is currently licensed or holds a certificate after that date, does not have "more than one conviction" for the purposes of this subdivision.
- (d) As used in this section, health care professional means any person licensed or certified pursuant to this division, or licensed pursuant to the Osteopathic Initiative Act, or the Chiropractic Initiative Act.
- SEC. 14. Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1460) is added to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, to read:

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- 1460. (a) There is created within the Department of Consumer Affairs a California Board of Podiatric Medicine.
- (b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2017, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2017, deletes or extends that date. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the repeal of this section renders the California Board of Podiatric Medicine subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.
- 1460.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the California Board of Podiatric Medicine in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.
 - 1461. As used in this chapter:
 - (a) "Board" means the California Board of Podiatric Medicine.

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(b) "Podiatric licensing authority" refers to any officer, board, commission, committee, or department of another state that may issue a license to practice podiatric medicine.

1462. The board shall consist of seven members, three of whom shall be public members. Not more than one member of the board shall be a full-time faculty member of a college or school of podiatric medicine.

The Governor shall appoint the four members qualified as provided in Section 2463 and one public member. The Senate Rules Committee and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint a public member.

- 1463. Each member of the board, except the public members, shall be appointed from persons having all of the following qualifications:
- (a) Be a citizen of this state for at least five years next preceding his or her appointment.
- (b) Be a graduate of a recognized school or college of podiatric medicine.
- (c) Have a valid certificate to practice podiatric medicine in this state.
- (d) Have engaged in the practice of podiatric medicine in this state for at least five years next preceding his or her appointment.
- 1464. The public members shall be appointed from persons having all of the following qualifications:
- (a) Be a citizen of this state for at least five years next preceding his or her appointment.
- (b) Shall not be an officer or faculty member of any college, school, or other institution engaged in podiatric medical instruction.
- (c) Shall not be a licentiate of the board or of any board under this division or of any board created by an initiative act under this division.
- 1465. No person who directly or indirectly owns any interest in any college, school, or other institution engaged in podiatric medical instruction shall be appointed to the board nor shall any incumbent member of the board have or acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any such college, school, or institution.
- 1466. All members of the board shall be appointed for terms of four years. Vacancies shall immediately be filled by the appointing power for the unexpired portion of the terms in which

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they occur. No person shall serve as a member of the board for more than two consecutive terms.

- 1467. (a) The board may convene from time to time as it deems necessary.
- (b) Four members of the board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.
- (c) It shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of those members present at a meeting, those members constituting at least a quorum, to pass any motion, resolution, or measure.
- (d) The board shall annually elect one of its members to act as president and a member to act as vice president who shall hold their respective positions at the pleasure of the board. The president may call meetings of the board and any duly appointed committee at a specified time and place.
- 1468. Notice of each meeting of the board shall be given in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).
- 1469. Each member of the board shall receive per diem and expenses as provided in Section 2016.
- 1470. The board may adopt, amend, or repeal, in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code), regulations necessary to enable the board to carry into effect the provisions of law relating to the practice of podiatric medicine.
- 1471. Except as provided by Section 159.5, the board may employ, within the limits of the funds received by the board, all personnel necessary to carry out this chapter and the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000) relating to podiatric medicine.
- 1472. (a) The certificate to practice podiatric medicine authorizes the holder to practice podiatric medicine.
- (b) As used in this chapter, "podiatric medicine" means the diagnosis, medical, surgical, mechanical, manipulative, and electrical treatment of the human foot, including the ankle and tendons that insert into the foot and the nonsurgical treatment of the muscles and tendons of the leg governing the functions of the foot.

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(c) A doctor of podiatric medicine shall not administer an anesthetic other than local. If an anesthetic other than local is required for any procedure, the anesthetic shall be administered by another licensed health care practitioner who is authorized to administer the required anesthetic within the scope of his or her practice.

- (d) (1) A doctor of podiatric medicine may do the following:
- (A) Perform surgical treatment of the ankle and tendons at the level of the ankle pursuant to subdivision (e).
- (B) Perform services under the direct supervision of a physician and surgeon, as an assistant at surgery, in surgical procedures that are otherwise beyond the scope of practice of a doctor of podiatric medicine.
- (C) Perform a partial amputation of the foot no further proximal than the Chopart's joint.
- (2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit a doctor of podiatric medicine to function as a primary surgeon for any procedure beyond his or her scope of practice.
- (e) A doctor of podiatric medicine may perform surgical treatment of the ankle and tendons at the level of the ankle only in the following locations:
- (1) A licensed general acute care hospital, as defined in Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (2) A licensed surgical clinic, as defined in Section 1204 of the Health and Safety Code, if the doctor of podiatric medicine has surgical privileges, including the privilege to perform surgery on the ankle, in a general acute care hospital described in paragraph (1) and meets all the protocols of the surgical clinic.
- (3) An ambulatory surgical center that is certified to participate in the Medicare program under Title XVIII (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1395 et seq.) of the federal Social Security Act, if the doctor of podiatric medicine has surgical privileges, including the privilege to perform surgery on the ankle, in a general acute care hospital described in paragraph (1) and meets all the protocols of the surgical center.
- (4) A freestanding physical plant housing outpatient services of a licensed general acute care hospital, as defined in Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, if the doctor of podiatric medicine has surgical privileges, including the privilege to perform surgery on the ankle, in a general acute care hospital described in paragraph (1). For purposes of this section, a "freestanding physical

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plant" means any building that is not physically attached to a building where inpatient services are provided.

- (5) An outpatient setting accredited pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 1248.1 of the Health and Safety Code.
- 1474. Any person who uses in any sign or in any advertisement or otherwise, the word or words "doctor of podiatric medicine," "doctor of podiatry," "podiatric doctor," "D.P.M.," "podiatrist," "foot specialist," or any other term or terms or any letters indicating or implying that he or she is a doctor of podiatric medicine, or that he or she practices podiatric medicine, or holds himself out as practicing podiatric medicine or foot correction as defined in Section 1472, without having at the time of so doing a valid, unrevoked, and unsuspended certificate as provided for in this chapter or Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000), is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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- 1475. Unless otherwise provided by law, no postgraduate trainee, intern, resident postdoctoral fellow, or instructor may engage in the practice of podiatric medicine, or receive compensation therefor, or offer to engage in the practice of podiatric medicine unless he or she holds a valid, unrevoked, and unsuspended certificate to practice podiatric medicine issued by the board. However, a graduate of an approved college or school of podiatric medicine upon whom the degree doctor of podiatric medicine has been conferred, who is issued a resident's license, which may be renewed annually for up to eight years for this purpose by the board, and who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program approved by the board, may engage in the practice of podiatric medicine whenever and wherever required as a part of that program and may receive compensation for that practice under the following conditions:
- (a) A graduate with a resident's license in an approved internship, residency, or fellowship program may participate in training rotations outside the scope of podiatric medicine, under the supervision of a physician and surgeon who holds a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy degree wherever and whenever required as a part of the training program, and may receive compensation for that practice. If the graduate fails to receive a license to practice podiatric medicine under this chapter within three years from the commencement of the postgraduate training,

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1 all privileges and exemptions under this section shall automatically 2 cease.

- (b) Hospitals functioning as a part of the teaching program of an approved college or school of podiatric medicine in this state may exchange instructors or resident or assistant resident doctors of podiatric medicine with another approved college or school of podiatric medicine not located in this state, or those hospitals may appoint a graduate of an approved school as such a resident for purposes of postgraduate training. Those instructors and residents may practice and be compensated as provided in this section, but that practice and compensation shall be for a period not to exceed two years.
- 1475.1. Before a resident's license may be issued, each applicant shall show by evidence satisfactory to the board, submitted directly to the board by the national score reporting institution, that he or she has, within the past 10 years, passed Parts I and II of the examination administered by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners of the United States or has passed a written examination that is recognized by the board to be the equivalent in content to the examination administered by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners of the United States.
- 1475.2. As used in this chapter, "podiatric residency" means a program of supervised postgraduate clinical training, one year or more in duration, approved by the board.
- 1475.3. (a) The board shall approve podiatric residency programs, as defined in Section 1475.2, in the field of podiatric medicine, for persons who are applicants for or have been issued a certificate to practice podiatric medicine pursuant to this article.
- (b) The board may only approve a podiatric residency that it determines meets all of the following requirements:
- (1) Reasonably conforms with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education's Institutional Requirements of the Essentials of Accredited Residencies in Graduate Medical Education: Institutional and Program Requirements.
 - (2) Is approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.
- (3) Complies with the requirements of this state.
- 1476. Nothing in this chapter or Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000) shall be construed to prevent a regularly matriculated student undertaking a course of professional instruction in an

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approved college or school of podiatric medicine from participating in training beyond the scope of podiatric medicine under the supervision of a physician and surgeon who holds a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy degree whenever and wherever prescribed as part of his or her course of study.

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1477. Nothing in this chapter prohibits the manufacture, the recommendation, or the sale of either corrective shoes or appliances for the human feet.

1479. The board shall issue a certificate to practice podiatric medicine to each applicant who meets the requirements of this chapter. Every applicant for a certificate to practice podiatric medicine shall comply with the provisions of Article 4 (commencing with Section 2080) of Chapter 5 which are not specifically applicable to applicants for a physician's and surgeon's certificate, in addition to the provisions of this chapter and Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000).

1480. The board shall have full authority to investigate and to evaluate each applicant applying for a certificate to practice podiatric medicine and to make a determination of the admission of the applicant to the examination and the issuance of a certificate in accordance with this chapter and Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000).

1481. Each applicant who commenced professional instruction in podiatric medicine after September 1, 1959, shall show by an official transcript or other official evidence submitted directly to the board by the academic institution that he or she has completed two years of preprofessional postsecondary education, or its equivalent, including the subjects of chemistry, biology or other biological science, and physics or mathematics, before completing the resident course of professional instruction.

1483. (a) Each applicant for a certificate to practice podiatric medicine shall show by an official transcript or other official evidence satisfactory to the board that is submitted directly to the board by the academic institution that he or she has successfully completed a medical curriculum extending over a period of at least four academic years, or 32 months of actual instruction, in a college or school of podiatric medicine approved by the board. The total number of hours of all courses shall consist of a minimum of 4,000 hours.

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The board, by regulation, shall adopt standards for determining equivalent training authorized by this section.

- 3 (b) The curriculum for all applicants shall provide for adequate instruction related to podiatric medicine in the following:
 - (1) Alcoholism and other chemical substance detection
 - (2) Local anesthesia
- 7 (3) Anatomy, including embryology, histology, and
- 8 neuroanatomy

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- 9 (4) Behavioral science
- 10 (5) Biochemistry
- 11 (6) Biomechanics-foot and ankle
- 12 (7) Child abuse detection
- 13 (8) Dermatology
- 14 (9) Geriatric medicine
- 15 (10) Human sexuality
- 16 (11) Infectious diseases
- 17 (12) Medical ethics
- 18 (13) Neurology
- 19 (14) Orthopedic surgery
- 20 (15) Pathology, microbiology, and immunology
- 21 (16) Pediatrics
- 22 (17) Pharmacology, including materia medica and toxicology
- 23 (18) Physical and laboratory diagnosis
- 24 (19) Physical medicine
- 25 (20) Physiology
- 26 (21) Podiatric medicine
- 27 (22) Podiatric surgery
- 28 (23) Preventive medicine, including nutrition
- 29 (24) Psychiatric problem detection
- 30 (25) Radiology and radiation safety
- 31 (26) Spousal or partner abuse detection
- 32 (27) Therapeutics
- 33 (28) Women's health
- 34 1484. In addition to any other requirements of this chapter or
- 35 Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000), before a certificate
- 36 to practice podiatric medicine may be issued, each applicant shall
- 37 show by evidence satisfactory to the board, submitted directly to
- 38 the board by the sponsoring institution, that he or she has
- 39 satisfactorily completed at least two years of postgraduate podiatric

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medical and podiatric surgical training in a general acute care hospital approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

1486. The board shall issue a certificate to practice podiatric medicine if the applicant has submitted directly to the board from the credentialing organizations verification that he or she meets all of the following requirements:

- (a) The applicant has graduated from an approved school or college of podiatric medicine and meets the requirements of Section 2483.
- (b) The applicant, within the past 10 years, has passed parts I, II, and III of the examination administered by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners of the United States or has passed a written examination that is recognized by the board to be the equivalent in content to the examination administered by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners of the United States.
- (c) The applicant has satisfactorily completed the postgraduate training required by Section 2484.
- (d) The applicant has passed within the past 10 years any oral and practical examination that may be required of all applicants by the board to ascertain clinical competence.
- (e) The applicant has committed no acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of a certificate under Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475).
- (f) The board determines that no disciplinary action has been taken against the applicant by any podiatric licensing authority and that the applicant has not been the subject of adverse judgments or settlements resulting from the practice of podiatric medicine that the board determines constitutes evidence of a pattern of negligence or incompetence.
- (g) A disciplinary databank report regarding the applicant is received by the board from the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards.
- 1488. Notwithstanding any other law, the board shall issue a certificate to practice podiatric medicine by credentialing if the applicant has submitted directly to the board from the credentialing organizations verification that he or she is licensed as a doctor of podiatric medicine in any other state and meets all of the following requirements:

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(a) The applicant has graduated from an approved school or college of podiatric medicine.

- (b) The applicant, within the past 10 years, has passed either part III of the examination administered by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners of the United States or a written examination that is recognized by the board to be the equivalent in content to the examination administered by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners of the United States.
- (c) The applicant has satisfactorily completed a postgraduate training program approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.
- (d) The applicant, within the past 10 years, has passed any oral and practical examination that may be required of all applicants by the board to ascertain clinical competence.
- (e) The applicant has committed no acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of a certificate under Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475).
- (f) The board determines that no disciplinary action has been taken against the applicant by any podiatric licensing authority and that the applicant has not been the subject of adverse judgments or settlements resulting from the practice of podiatric medicine that the board determines constitutes evidence of a pattern of negligence or incompetence.
- (g) A disciplinary databank report regarding the applicant is received by the board from the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards.
- 1492. (a) The board shall examine every applicant for a certificate to practice podiatric medicine to ensure a minimum of entry-level competence at the time and place designated by the board in its discretion, but at least twice a year.
- (b) Unless the applicant meets the requirements of Section 1486, applicants shall be required to have taken and passed the examination administered by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.
- (c) The board may appoint qualified persons to give the whole or any portion of any examination as provided in this article, who shall be designated as examination commissioners. The board may fix the compensation of those persons subject to the provisions of applicable state laws and regulations.

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(d) The provisions of Article 9 (commencing with Section 2170) of Chapter 5 shall apply to examinations administered by the board except where those provisions are in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

- 1493. An applicant for a certificate to practice podiatric medicine shall pass an examination in the subjects required by Section 1483 in order to ensure a minimum of entry-level competence.
- 1495. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the board may delegate to officials of the board the authority to approve the admission of applicants to the examination and to approve the issuance of certificates to practice podiatric medicine to applicants who have met the specific requirements therefor in routine cases where applicants clearly meet the requirements of this chapter.
- 1496. In order to ensure the continuing competence of persons licensed to practice podiatric medicine, the board shall adopt and administer regulations requiring continuing education of those licensees. The board shall require those licensees to demonstrate satisfaction of the continuing education requirements and one of the following requirements at each license renewal:
- (a) Passage of an examination administered by the board within the past 10 years.
- (b) Passage of an examination administered by an approved specialty certifying board within the past 10 years.
- (c) Current diplomate, board-eligible, or board-qualified status granted by an approved specialty certifying board within the past 10 years.
- (d) Recertification of current status by an approved specialty certifying board within the past 10 years.
- (e) Successful completion of an approved residency or fellowship program within the past 10 years.
- (f) Granting or renewal of current staff privileges within the past five years by a health care facility that is licensed, certified, accredited, conducted, maintained, operated, or otherwise approved by an agency of the federal or state government or an organization approved by the Medical Board of California.
- (g) Successful completion within the past five years of an extended course of study approved by the board.

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(h) Passage within the past 10 years of Part III of the examination administered by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.

- 1497. (a) The board may order the denial of an application for, or the suspension of, or the revocation of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon, a certificate to practice podiatric medicine for any of the causes set forth in Article 12 (commencing with Section 2220) of Chapter 5 in accordance with Section 2222.
- (b) The board may hear all matters, including but not limited to, any contested case or may assign any such matters to an administrative law judge. The proceedings shall be held in accordance with Section 2230. If a contested case is heard by the board itself, the administrative law judge who presided at the hearing shall be present during the board's consideration of the case and shall assist and advise the board.
- 1497.5. (a) The board may request the administrative law judge, under his or her proposed decision in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the board, to direct any licensee found guilty of unprofessional conduct to pay to the board a sum not to exceed the actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the case.
- (b) The costs to be assessed shall be fixed by the administrative law judge and shall not be increased by the board unless the board does not adopt a proposed decision and in making its own decision finds grounds for increasing the costs to be assessed, not to exceed the actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the case.
- (c) When the payment directed in the board's order for payment of costs is not made by the licensee, the board may enforce the order for payment by bringing an action in any appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights the board may have as to any licensee directed to pay costs.
- (d) In any judicial action for the recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.
- (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the board shall not renew or reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered under this section.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the board may, in its discretion, conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one

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year the license of any licensee who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement with the board to reimburse the board within that one-year period for those unpaid costs.

- (f) All costs recovered under this section shall be deposited in the Board of Podiatric Medicine Fund as a reimbursement in either the fiscal year in which the costs are actually recovered or the previous fiscal year, as the board may direct.
- 1498. (a) The board shall have the responsibility for reviewing the quality of podiatric medical practice carried out by persons licensed to practice podiatric medicine.
- (b) Each member of the board, or any licensed doctor of podiatric medicine appointed by the board, shall additionally have the authority to inspect, or require reports from, a general or specialized hospital and the podiatric medical staff thereof, with respect to the podiatric medical care, services, or facilities provided therein, and may inspect podiatric medical patient records with respect to the care, services, or facilities. The authority to make inspections and to require reports as provided by this section shall not be delegated by a member of the board to any person other than a doctor of podiatric medicine and shall be subject to the restrictions against disclosure described in Section 2263.
- 1499. There is in the State Treasury the Board of Podiatric Medicine Fund. Notwithstanding Section 2445, the board shall report to the Controller at the beginning of each calendar month for the month preceding the amount and source of all revenue received by the board, pursuant to this chapter, and shall pay the entire amount thereof to the Treasurer for deposit into the fund. All revenue received by the board from fees authorized to be charged relating to the practice of podiatric medicine shall be deposited in the fund as provided in this section, and shall be used to carry out this chapter or the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000) relating to the regulation of the practice of podiatric medicine.
- 1499.5. The following fees apply to certificates to practice podiatric medicine. The amount of fees prescribed for doctors of podiatric medicine shall be those set forth in this section unless a lower fee is established by the board in accordance with Section 1499.6. Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be fixed by

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the board in amounts not to exceed the actual costs of providing the service for which the fee is collected.

- (a) Each applicant for a certificate to practice podiatric medicine shall pay an application fee of—twenty dollars (\$20) one hundred dollars (\$100) at the time the application is filed. If the applicant qualifies for a certificate, he or she shall pay a fee which shall be fixed by the board at an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) nor less than five dollars (\$5) for the issuance of the certificate.
- (b) The oral examination fee shall be seven hundred dollars (\$700), or the actual cost, whichever is lower, and shall be paid by each applicant. If the applicant's credentials are insufficient or if the applicant does not desire to take the examination, and has so notified the board 30 days prior to the examination date, only the examination fee is returnable to the applicant. The board may charge an examination fee for any subsequent reexamination of the applicant.
- (c) Each applicant who qualifies for a certificate, as a condition precedent to its issuance, in addition to other fees required by this section, shall pay an initial license fee. The initial license fee shall be eight hundred dollars (\$800). The initial license shall expire the second year after its issuance on the last day of the month of birth of the licensee. The board may reduce the initial license fee by up to 50 percent of the amount of the fee for any applicant who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program approved by the board or who has completed a postgraduate training program approved by the board within six months prior to the payment of the initial license fee.
- (d) The biennial renewal fee shall be nine hundred dollars (\$900). Any licensee enrolled in an approved residency program shall be required to pay only 50 percent of the biennial renewal fee at the time of his or her first renewal.
 - (e) The delinquency fee is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (f) The duplicate wall certificate fee is forty dollars (\$40). one hundred dollars (\$100).
- 36 (g) The duplicate renewal receipt fee is forty dollars (\$40). *fifty* 37 *dollars* (\$50).
 - (h) The endorsement fee is thirty dollars (\$30).
 - (i) The letter of good standing fee or for loan deferment is thirty dollars (\$30). one hundred dollars (\$100).

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(j) There shall be a fee of sixty dollars (\$60) one hundred dollars (\$100) for the issuance of a resident's license under Section 1475.

(k) The application fee for ankle certification under Section 1472 for persons licensed prior to January 1, 1984, shall be fifty dollars (\$50). The examination and reexamination fee for this certification shall be seven hundred dollars (\$700).

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- (k) The filing fee to appeal the failure of an oral examination shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25). one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (l) The fee for approval of a continuing education course or program shall be one hundred dollars (\$100). two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- 1499.6. The fees in this chapter shall be fixed by the board in accordance with Section 313.1. The fees shall not exceed the reasonable regulatory cost.
- 1499.7. (a) Certificates to practice podiatric medicine shall expire at 12 midnight on the last day of the birth month of the licensee during the second year of a two-year term.
- (b) To renew an unexpired certificate, the licensee, on or before the date on which the certificate would otherwise expire, shall apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the board and pay the prescribed renewal fee.
- 1499.8. Any licensee who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that he or she is unable to practice podiatric medicine due to a disability may request a waiver of the license renewal fee. The granting of a waiver shall be at the discretion of the board and may be terminated at any time. Waivers shall be based on the inability of a licensee to practice podiatric medicine. A licensee whose renewal fee has been waived pursuant to this section shall not engage in the practice of podiatric medicine unless and until the licensee pays the current renewal fee and does either of the following:
- (a) Establishes to the satisfaction of the board, on a form prescribed by the board and signed under penalty of perjury, that the licensee's disability either no longer exists or does not affect his or her ability to practice podiatric medicine safely.
- (b) Signs an agreement on a form prescribed by the board, signed under penalty of perjury, in which the licensee agrees to limit his or her practice in the manner prescribed by the reviewing physician.

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SEC. 15. Section 1944 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

- 1944. (a) The committee shall establish by resolution the amount of the fees that relate to the licensing of a registered dental hygienist, a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, and a registered dental hygienist in extended functions. The fees established by board resolution in effect on June 30, 2009, as they relate to the licensure of registered dental hygienists, registered dental hygienists in alternative practice, and registered dental hygienists in extended functions, shall remain in effect until modified by the committee. The fees are subject to the following limitations:
- (1) The application fee for an original license and the fee for issuance of an original license shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- (2) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.
- (3) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist in extended functions shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.
- (4) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice shall not exceed the actual cost of administering the examination.
- (5) The biennial renewal fee shall not exceed one hundred sixty dollars (\$160). five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (6) The delinquency fee shall not exceed one-half of the renewal fee. Any delinquent license may be restored only upon payment of all fees, including the delinquency fee, and compliance with all other applicable requirements of this article.
- (7) The fee for issuance of a duplicate license to replace one that is lost or destroyed, or in the event of a name change, shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) or one-half of the renewal fee, whichever is greater.
- (8) The fee for certification of licensure shall not exceed one-half of the renewal fee.
- (9) The fee for each curriculum review, feasibility study review, and site evaluation for educational programs for dental hygienists who are not accredited by a committee-approved agency shall not exceed two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100).

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(10) The fee for each review or approval of course requirements for licensure or procedures that require additional training shall not exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750).

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- (11) The initial application and biennial fee for a provider of continuing education shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (12) The amount of fees payable in connection with permits issued under Section 1962 is as follows:
- (A) The initial permit fee is an amount equal to the renewal fee for the applicant's license to practice dental hygiene in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the permit is issued.
- (B) If the permit will expire less than one year after its issuance, then the initial permit fee is an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the permit is issued.
- (b) The renewal and delinquency fees shall be fixed by the committee by resolution at not more than the current amount of the renewal fee for a license to practice under this article nor less than five dollars (\$5).
- (c) Fees fixed by the committee by resolution pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the approval of the Office of Administrative Law.
- (d) Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be collected by the committee and deposited into the State Dental Hygiene Fund, which is hereby created. All money in this fund shall, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, be used to implement this article.
- (e) No fees or charges other than those listed in this section shall be levied by the committee in connection with the licensure of registered dental hygienists, registered dental hygienists in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienists in extended functions.
- (f) The fee for registration of an extramural dental facility shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- (g) The fee for registration of a mobile dental hygiene unit shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (h) The biennial renewal fee for a mobile dental hygiene unit shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- (i) The fee for an additional office permit shall not exceed two 40 hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

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(j) The biennial renewal fee for an additional office as described in Section 1926.4 shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

- (k) The initial application and biennial special permit fee is an amount equal to the biennial renewal fee specified in paragraph (6) of subdivision (a).
- (*l*) The fees in this section shall not exceed an amount sufficient to cover the reasonable regulatory cost of carrying out this article. SEC. 15.
- *SEC. 16.* Section 2052.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 2052.5. (a) The proposed registration program developed pursuant to subdivision (b) shall provide that, for purposes of the proposed registration program:
- (1) A physician and surgeon practices medicine in this state across state lines when that person is located outside of this state but, through the use of any medium, including an electronic medium, practices or attempts to practice, or advertises or holds himself or herself out as practicing, any system or mode of treating the sick or afflicted in this state, or diagnoses, treats, operates for, or prescribes for any ailment, blemish, deformity, disease, disfigurement, disorder, injury, or other physical or mental condition of any person in this state.
- (2) A doctor of podiatric medicine practices podiatric medicine in this state across state lines when that person is located outside of this state but, through the use of any medium, including an electronic medium, practices or attempts to practice podiatric medicine, as defined in Section 1472, in this state.
- (3) The proposed registration program shall not apply to any consultation described in Section 2060.
- (b) The board may, at its discretion, develop a proposed registration program to permit a physician and surgeon, or a doctor of podiatric medicine, located outside this state to register with the board to practice medicine or podiatric medicine in this state across state lines.
- (1) The proposed registration program shall include proposed requirements for registration, including, but not limited to, licensure in the state or country where the physician and surgeon, or the doctor of podiatric medicine, resides, and education and training requirements.

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(2) The proposed registration program may also include all of the following: (A) standards for confidentiality, format, and retention of medical records, (B) access to medical records by the board, (C) registration fees, renewal fees, delinquency fees, and replacement document fees in an amount not to exceed the actual cost of administering the registration program, and (D) provisions ensuring that enforcement and consumer education shall be integral parts of administering the registration program.

- (3) The proposed registration program may also provide all of the following:
- (A) All laws, rules, and regulations that govern the practice of medicine or podiatric medicine in this state, including, but not limited to, confidentiality and reporting requirements, shall apply to a physician and surgeon, or a doctor of podiatric medicine, who is registered by the board to practice medicine or podiatric medicine in this state across state lines.
- (B) The board may deny an application for registration or may suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline a registrant for any of the following: (i) on any ground prescribed by this chapter, (ii) failure to possess or to maintain a valid license in the state where the registrant resides, or (iii) if the applicant or registrant is not licensed by the state or country in which he or she resides, and that state or country prohibits the practice of medicine or podiatric medicine from that state or country into any other state or country without a valid registration or license issued by the state or country in which the applicant or registrant practices. Action to deny or discipline a registrant shall be taken in the manner provided for in this chapter.
- (C) Any of the following shall be grounds for discipline of a registrant: (i) to allow any person to engage in the practice of medicine or podiatric medicine in this state across state lines under his or her registration, including, but not limited to, any nurse, physician assistant, medical assistant, or other person, (ii) to fail to include his or her registration number on any invoice or other type of billing statement submitted for care or treatment provided to a patient located in this state, (iii) to practice medicine or podiatric medicine in any other state or country without meeting the legal requirements to practice medicine or podiatric medicine in that state or country, or (iv) to fail to notify the board, in a

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manner prescribed by the board, of any restrictions placed on his or her medical license, or podiatric medical license, in any state.

- (D) A registration issued pursuant to the registration program shall automatically be suspended upon receipt of a copy, from the state that issued the license, of the surrender, revocation, suspension, or other similar type of action taken by another state or country against a medical license, or podiatric medical license, issued to a registrant. The board shall notify the registrant in writing of the suspension and of the registrant's right to a hearing.
 - (4) Section 2314 shall not apply to the registration program.
- (c) This section shall not be construed to authorize the board to implement a registration program for physicians and surgeons or doctors of podiatric medicine located outside this state. This section is intended to authorize the board to develop a proposed registration program to be authorized for implementation by future legislation.
- (d) For purposes of this section, "board" refers to either the Medical Board of California or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, as applicable.

SEC. 16.

- SEC. 17. Section 2423 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 2423. (a) Notwithstanding Section 2422:
- (1) All physician and surgeon's—certificates certificates, registrations of spectacle lens dispensers and contact lens dispensers, and certificates to practice midwifery shall expire at 12 midnight on the last day of the birth month of the licensee during the second year of a two-year term if not renewed.
- (2) Registrations of dispensing opticians will expire at midnight on the last day of the month in which the license was issued during the second year of a two-year term if not renewed.
- (b) The board shall establish by regulation procedures for the administration of a birth date renewal program, including, but not limited to, the establishment of a system of staggered license expiration dates such that a relatively equal number of licenses expire monthly.
- (c) To renew an unexpired license, the licensee shall, on or before the dates on which it would otherwise expire, apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the licensing authority and pay the prescribed renewal fee.

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2 SEC. 18. Article 22 (commencing with Section 2460) of 3 Chapter 5 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code is 4 repealed.

- 5 SEC. 19. Section 2546.9 of the Business and Professions Code 6 is repealed.
 - 2546.9. The amount of fees prescribed in connection with the registration of nonresident contact lens sellers is that established by the following schedule:
 - (a) The initial registration fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).
 - (b) The renewal fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).
 - (c) The delinquency fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).
 - (d) The fee for replacement of a lost, stolen, or destroyed registration shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).
 - (e) The fees collected pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited in the Dispensing Opticians Fund, and shall be available, upon appropriation, to the State Board of Optometry for the purposes of this chapter.
 - SEC. 20. Section 2546.9 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
 - 2546.9. The amount of fees prescribed in connection with the registration of nonresident contact lens sellers is that established by the following schedule:
 - (a) The application fee for a nonresident contact lens seller shall be a minimum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).
 - (b) The initial registration fee shall be a minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200) and shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
- 31 (c) The renewal fee shall be a minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200) and shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
- 33 (d) The delinquency fee shall be a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50) and shall not exceed seventy- five dollars (\$75).
 - (e) The fee for replacement of a lost, stolen, or destroyed registration shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- 37 (f) The State Board of Optometry may periodically revise and 38 fix by regulation the fees specified in subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and 39 (d), and these revised fees shall not exceed the reasonable 40 regulatory cost.

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(g) The fees collected pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited in the Dispensing Opticians Fund, and shall be available, upon appropriation, to the State Board of Optometry for the purposes of this chapter.

- SEC. 21. Section 2565 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.
- 2565. The amount of fees prescribed in connection with the registration of dispensing opticians shall be as set forth in this section unless a lower fee is fixed by the division:
 - (a) The initial registration fee is one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (b) The renewal fee is one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (e) The delinquency fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (d) The fee for replacement of a lost, stolen, or destroyed certificate is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
 - This section shall become operative on January 1, 1988.
- SEC. 22. Section 2565 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 2565. The amount of fees prescribed in connection with the registration of dispensing opticians shall be as set forth in this section.
- (a) The application fee for registration shall be a minimum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (b) The initial registration fee shall be a minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200) and shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (c) The renewal fee shall be a minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200) and shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (d) The delinquency fee shall be a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50) and shall not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- 31 (e) The fee for replacement of a lost, stolen, or destroyed certificate shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- 33 (f) The State Board of Optometry may periodically revise and 34 fix by regulation the fees specified in subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and 35 (d), and these revised fees shall not exceed the reasonable
- regulatory cost.
 SEC. 23. Section 2566 of the Business and Professions Code
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2566. The amount of fees prescribed in connection with certificates for contact lens dispensers, unless a lower fee is fixed by the division, is as follows:

- (a) The application fee for a registered contact lens dispenser shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (b) The biennial fee for the renewal of certificates shall be fixed by the division in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
 - (c) The delinquency fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (d) The division may by regulation provide for a refund of a portion of the application fee to applicants who do not meet the requirements for registration.
- (e) The fee for replacement of a lost, stolen, or destroyed certificate is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
 - This section shall become operative on January 1, 1988.
- SEC. 24. Section 2566 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 2566. The amount of fees prescribed in connection with certificates for contact lens dispensers is as follows:
- (a) The application fee for a registered contact lens dispenser shall be a minimum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (b) The initial registration fee shall be a minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200) and shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (c) The biennial fee for the renewal of certificates shall be a minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200) and shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (d) The delinquency fee shall be a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50) and shall not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (e) The division may by regulation provide for a refund of a portion of the application fee to applicants who do not meet the requirements for registration.
- (f) The State Board of Optometry may periodically revise and fix by regulation the fees specified in subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (d), and these revised fees shall not exceed the reasonable regulatory cost.
- 38 (g) The fee for replacement of a lost, stolen, or destroyed 39 certificate is twenty-five dollars (\$25).

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1 SEC. 25. Section 2566.1 of the Business and Professions Code 2 is repealed.

- 2566.1. The amount of fees prescribed in connection with certificates for spectacle lens dispensers shall be as set forth in this section unless a lower fee is fixed by the division:
 - (a) The initial registration fee is one hundred dollars (\$100).
 - (b) The renewal fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).
 - (c) The delinquency fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
 - (d) The fee for replacement of a lost, stolen or destroyed certificate is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
 - SEC. 26. Section 2566.1 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
 - 2566.1. The amount of fees prescribed in connection with certificates for spectacle lens dispensers shall be as set forth in this section:
 - (a) The application for registration fee shall be a minimum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).
 - (b) The initial registration fee shall be a minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200) and shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
 - (c) The renewal fee shall be a minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200) and shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).
 - (d) The delinquency fee shall be a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50) and shall not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75).
 - (e) The fee for replacement of a lost, stolen or destroyed certificate is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
 - (f) The State Board of Optometry may periodically revise and fix by regulation the fees specified in subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (d), and these revised fees shall not exceed the reasonable regulatory cost.
 - SEC. 18.
- 33 SEC. 27. Section 2733 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 2733. (a) (1) (A) Upon approval of an application filed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 2732.1, and upon the
- payment of the fee prescribed by subdivision (k) of Section 2815, the board may issue a temporary license to practice professional
- 39 nursing, and a temporary certificate to practice as a certified public
- 40 health nurse for a period of six months from the date of issuance.

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(B) Upon approval of an application filed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 2732.1, and upon the payment of the fee prescribed by subdivision (d) of Section 2838.2, the board may issue a temporary certificate to practice as a certified clinical nurse specialist for a period of six months from the date of issuance.

- (C) Upon approval of an application filed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 2732.1, and upon the payment of the fee prescribed by subdivision (e) of Section 2815.5, the board may issue a temporary certificate to practice as a certified nurse-midwife for a period of six months from the date of issuance.
- (D) Upon approval of an application filed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 2732.1, and upon the payment of the fee prescribed by subdivision (d) of Section 2830.7, the board may issue a temporary certificate to practice as a certified nurse anesthetist for a period of six months from the date of issuance.
- (E) Upon approval of an application filed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 2732.1, and upon the payment of the fee prescribed by subdivision (p) of Section 2815, the board may issue a temporary certificate to practice as a certified nurse practitioner for a period of six months from the date of issuance.
- (2) A temporary license or temporary certificate shall terminate upon notice thereof by certified mail, return receipt requested, if it is issued by mistake or if the application for permanent licensure is denied.
- (b) Upon written application, the board may reissue a temporary license or temporary certificate to any person who has applied for a regular renewable license pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 2732.1 and who, in the judgment of the board has been excusably delayed in completing his or her application for or the minimum requirements for a regular renewable license, but the board may not reissue a temporary license or temporary certificate more than twice to any one person.

SEC. 19.

- SEC. 28. Section 2746.51 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 2746.51. (a) Neither this chapter nor any other provision of law shall be construed to prohibit a certified nurse-midwife from furnishing or ordering drugs or devices, including controlled substances classified in Schedule II, III, IV, or V under the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act (Division 10

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(commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code),
when all of the following apply:
The drugs or devices are furnished or ordered incidentally

- (1) The drugs or devices are furnished or ordered incidentally to the provision of any of the following:
- (A) Family planning services, as defined in Section 14503 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- (B) Routine health care or perinatal care, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 123485 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (C) Care rendered, consistent with the certified nurse-midwife's educational preparation or for which clinical competency has been established and maintained, to persons within a facility specified in subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), (i), or (j) of Section 1206 of the Health and Safety Code, a clinic as specified in Section 1204 of the Health and Safety Code, a general acute care hospital as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, a licensed birth center as defined in Section 1204.3 of the Health and Safety Code, or a special hospital specified as a maternity hospital in subdivision (f) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (2) The drugs or devices are furnished or ordered by a certified nurse-midwife in accordance with standardized procedures or protocols. For purposes of this section, standardized procedure means a document, including protocols, developed and approved by the supervising physician and surgeon, the certified nurse-midwife, and the facility administrator or his or her designee. The standardized procedure covering the furnishing or ordering of drugs or devices shall specify all of the following:
- (A) Which certified nurse-midwife may furnish or order drugs or devices.
- (B) Which drugs or devices may be furnished or ordered and under what circumstances.
 - (C) The extent of physician and surgeon supervision.
- (D) The method of periodic review of the certified nurse-midwife's competence, including peer review, and review of the provisions of the standardized procedure.
- (3) If Schedule II or III controlled substances, as defined in Sections 11055 and 11056 of the Health and Safety Code, are furnished or ordered by a certified nurse-midwife, the controlled substances shall be furnished or ordered in accordance with a patient-specific protocol approved by the treating or supervising

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physician and surgeon. For Schedule II controlled substance protocols, the provision for furnishing the Schedule II controlled substance shall address the diagnosis of the illness, injury, or condition for which the Schedule II controlled substance is to be furnished.

- (4) The furnishing or ordering of drugs or devices by a certified nurse-midwife occurs under physician and surgeon supervision. For purposes of this section, no physician and surgeon shall supervise more than four certified nurse-midwives at one time. Physician and surgeon supervision shall not be construed to require the physical presence of the physician, but does include all of the following:
- (A) Collaboration on the development of the standardized procedure or protocol.
 - (B) Approval of the standardized procedure or protocol.
- (C) Availability by telephonic contact at the time of patient examination by the certified nurse-midwife.
- (b) (1) The furnishing or ordering of drugs or devices by a certified nurse-midwife is conditional on the issuance by the board of a number to the applicant who has successfully completed the requirements of paragraph (2). The number shall be included on all transmittals of orders for drugs or devices by the certified nurse-midwife. The board shall maintain a list of the certified nurse-midwives that it has certified pursuant to this paragraph and the number it has issued to each one. The board shall make the list available to the California State Board of Pharmacy upon its request. Every certified nurse-midwife who is authorized pursuant to this section to furnish or issue a drug order for a controlled substance shall register with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.
- (2) The board has certified in accordance with paragraph (1) that the certified nurse-midwife has satisfactorily completed a course in pharmacology covering the drugs or devices to be furnished or ordered under this section. The board shall establish the requirements for satisfactory completion of this paragraph. The board may charge the applicant a fee to cover all necessary costs to implement this section, that shall be not less than four hundred dollars (\$400) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for an initial application, nor less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000)

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1 for an application for renewal. The board may charge a penalty 2 fee for failure to renew a furnishing number within the prescribed 3 time that shall be not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75) nor more 4 than five hundred dollars (\$500).

- (3) A physician and surgeon may determine the extent of supervision necessary pursuant to this section in the furnishing or ordering of drugs and devices.
- (4) A copy of the standardized procedure or protocol relating to the furnishing or ordering of controlled substances by a certified nurse-midwife shall be provided upon request to any licensed pharmacist who is uncertain of the authority of the certified nurse-midwife to perform these functions.
- (5) Certified nurse-midwives who are certified by the board and hold an active furnishing number, who are currently authorized through standardized procedures or protocols to furnish Schedule II controlled substances, and who are registered with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration shall provide documentation of continuing education specific to the use of Schedule II controlled substances in settings other than a hospital based on standards developed by the board.
- (c) Drugs or devices furnished or ordered by a certified nurse-midwife may include Schedule II controlled substances under the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code) under the following conditions:
- (1) The drugs and devices are furnished or ordered in accordance with requirements referenced in paragraphs (2) to (4), inclusive, of subdivision (a) and in paragraphs (1) to (3), inclusive, of subdivision (b).
- (2) When Schedule II controlled substances, as defined in Section 11055 of the Health and Safety Code, are furnished or ordered by a certified nurse-midwife, the controlled substances shall be furnished or ordered in accordance with a patient-specific protocol approved by the treating or supervising physician and surgeon.
- (d) Furnishing of drugs or devices by a certified nurse-midwife means the act of making a pharmaceutical agent or agents available to the patient in strict accordance with a standardized procedure or protocol. Use of the term "furnishing" in this section shall include the following:

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- (1) The ordering of a drug or device in accordance with the standardized procedure or protocol.
- (2) Transmitting an order of a supervising physician and surgeon.
- (e) "Drug order" or "order" for purposes of this section means an order for medication or for a drug or device that is dispensed to or for an ultimate user, issued by a certified nurse-midwife as an individual practitioner, within the meaning of Section 1306.03 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, (1) a drug order issued pursuant to this section shall be treated in the same manner as a prescription of the supervising physician; (2) all references to "prescription" in this code and the Health and Safety Code shall include drug orders issued by certified nurse-midwives; and (3) the signature of a certified nurse-midwife on a drug order issued in accordance with this section shall be deemed to be the signature of a prescriber for purposes of this code and the Health and Safety Code.

SEC. 20.

- SEC. 29. Section 2786.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 2786.5. (a) An institution of higher education or a private postsecondary school of nursing approved by the board pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 2786 shall remit to the board for deposit in the Board of Registered Nursing Fund the following fees, in accordance with the following schedule:
- (1) The fee for approval of a school of nursing shall be fixed by the board at not less than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) nor more than eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000).
- (2) The fee for continuing approval of a nursing program established after January 1, 2013, shall be fixed by the board at not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) nor more than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).
- (3) The processing fee for authorization of a substantive change to an approval of a school of nursing shall be fixed by the board at not less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).
- (b) If the board determines that the annual cost of providing oversight and review of a school of nursing, as required by this article, is less than the amount of any fees required to be paid by that institution pursuant to this article, the board may decrease the

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fees applicable to that institution to an amount that is proportional
to the board's costs associated with that institution.

SEC. 21.

- SEC. 30. Section 2811 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 2811. (a) Each person holding a regular renewable license under this chapter, whether in an active or inactive status, shall apply for a renewal of his or her license and pay the biennial renewal fee required by this chapter each two years on or before the last day of the month following the month in which his or her birthday occurs, beginning with the second birthday following the date on which the license was issued, whereupon the board shall renew the license.
- (b) Each such license not renewed in accordance with this section shall expire but may within a period of eight years thereafter be reinstated upon payment of the fee required by this chapter and upon submission of such proof of the applicant's qualifications as may be required by the board, except that during such eight-year period no examination shall be required as a condition for the reinstatement of any such expired license which has lapsed solely by reason of nonpayment of the renewal fee. After the expiration of such eight-year period the board may require as a condition of reinstatement that the applicant pass such examination as it deems necessary to determine his present fitness to resume the practice of professional nursing.
- (c) A license in an inactive status may be restored to an active status if the licensee meets the continuing education standards of Section 2811.5.

SEC. 22.

- *SEC. 31.* Section 2811.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 2811.5. (a) Each person renewing his or her license under Section 2811 shall submit proof satisfactory to the board that, during the preceding two-year period, he or she has been informed of the developments in the registered nurse field or in any special area of practice engaged in by the licensee, occurring since the last renewal thereof, either by pursuing a course or courses of continuing education in the registered nurse field or relevant to the practice of the licensee, and approved by the board, or by other means deemed equivalent by the board.

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(b) For purposes of this section, the board shall, by regulation, establish standards for continuing education. The standards shall be established in a manner to ensure that a variety of alternative forms of continuing education are available to licensees, including, but not limited to, academic studies, in-service education, institutes, seminars, lectures, conferences, workshops, extension studies, and home study programs. The standards shall take cognizance of specialized areas of practice, and content shall be relevant to the practice of nursing and shall be related to the scientific knowledge or technical skills required for the practice of nursing or be related to direct or indirect patient or client care. The continuing education standards established by the board shall not exceed 30 hours of direct participation in a course or courses approved by the board, or its equivalent in the units of measure adopted by the board.

- (c) The board shall audit continuing education providers at least once every five years to ensure adherence to regulatory requirements, and shall withhold or rescind approval from any provider that is in violation of the regulatory requirements.
- (d) The board shall encourage continuing education in spousal or partner abuse detection and treatment. In the event the board establishes a requirement for continuing education coursework in spousal or partner abuse detection or treatment, that requirement shall be met by each licensee within no more than four years from the date the requirement is imposed.
- (e) In establishing standards for continuing education, the board shall consider including a course in the special care needs of individuals and their families facing end-of-life issues, including, but not limited to, all of the following:
 - (1) Pain and symptom management.
 - (2) The psycho-social dynamics of death.
- (3) Dying and bereavement.
- (4) Hospice care.

- (f) In establishing standards for continuing education, the board may include a course on pain management.
- (g) This section shall not apply to licensees during the first two years immediately following their initial licensure in California or any other governmental jurisdiction.
- (h) The board may, in accordance with the intent of this section, make exceptions from continuing education requirements for

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1 licensees residing in another state or country, or for reasons of 2 health, military service, or other good cause.

SEC. 23.

- SEC. 32. Section 2815 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 2815. Subject to the provisions of Section 128.5, the amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter in connection with the issuance of licenses for registered nurses under its provisions is that fixed by the following schedule:
 - (a) (1) The fee to be paid upon the filing by a graduate of an approved school of nursing in this state of an application for a licensure by examination shall be fixed by the board at not less than three hundred dollars (\$300) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 - (2) The fee to be paid upon the filing by a graduate of a school of nursing in another state, district, or territory of the United States of an application for a licensure by examination shall be fixed by the board at not less than three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 - (3) The fee to be paid upon the filing by a graduate of a school of nursing in another country of an application for a licensure by examination shall be fixed by the board at not less than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).
 - (4) The fee to be paid upon the filing of an application for licensure by a repeat examination shall be fixed by the board at not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 - (b) The fee to be paid for taking each examination shall be the actual cost to purchase an examination from a vendor approved by the board.
 - (c) (1) The fee to be paid for application by a person who is licensed or registered as a nurse in another state, district, or territory of the United States for licensure by endorsement shall be fixed by the board at not less than three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 - (2) The fee to be paid for application by a person who is licensed or registered as a nurse in another country for licensure by endorsement shall be fixed by the board at not less than seven

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hundred fifty dollars (\$750) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

- (d) (1) The biennial fee to be paid upon the filing of an application for renewal of the license shall be not less than one hundred eighty dollars (\$180) nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750). In addition, an assessment of ten dollars (\$10) shall be collected and credited to the Registered Nurse Education Fund, pursuant to Section 2815.1.
- (2) The fee to be paid upon the filing of an application for reinstatement pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 2811 shall be not less than three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- (e) The penalty fee for failure to renew a license within the prescribed time shall be fixed by the board at not more than 50 percent of the regular renewal fee, but not less than ninety dollars (\$90) nor more than three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375).
- (f) The fee to be paid for approval of a continuing education provider shall be fixed by the board at not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- (g) The biennial fee to be paid upon the filing of an application for renewal of provider approval shall be fixed by the board at not less than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- (h) The penalty fee for failure to renew provider approval within the prescribed time shall be fixed at not more than 50 percent of the regular renewal fee, but not less than one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (i) The penalty for submitting insufficient funds or fictitious check, draft or order on any bank or depository for payment of any fee to the board shall be fixed at not less than fifteen dollars (\$15) nor more than thirty dollars (\$30).
- (j) The fee to be paid for an interim permit shall be fixed by the board at not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- (k) The fee to be paid for a temporary license shall be fixed by the board at not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- (1) The fee to be paid for processing endorsement papers to other states shall be fixed by the board at not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200).

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(m) The fee to be paid for a certified copy of a school transcript shall be fixed by the board at not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

- (n) (1) The fee to be paid for a duplicate pocket license shall be fixed by the board at not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (2) The fee to be paid for a duplicate wall certificate shall be fixed by the board at not less than sixty dollars (\$60) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (o) (1) The fee to be paid by a registered nurse for an evaluation of his or her qualifications to use the title "nurse practitioner" shall be fixed by the board at not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).
- (2) The fee to be paid by a registered nurse for a temporary certificate to practice as a nurse practitioner shall be fixed by the board at not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (3) The fee to be paid upon the filing of an application for renewal of a certificate to practice as a nurse practitioner shall be not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- (4) The penalty fee for failure to renew a certificate to practice as a nurse practitioner within the prescribed time shall be not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (p) The fee to be paid by a registered nurse for listing as a "psychiatric mental health nurse" shall be fixed by the board at not less than three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750).
- (q) The fee to be paid for duplicate National Council Licensure Examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN) examination results shall be not less than sixty dollars (\$60) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (r) The fee to be paid for a letter certifying a license shall be not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than thirty dollars (\$30).
- No further fee shall be required for a license or a renewal thereof other than as prescribed by this chapter.

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SEC. 33. Section 2815.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

- 2815.5. The amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter in connection with the issuance of certificates as nurse-midwives is that fixed by the following schedule:
- (a) The fee to be paid upon the filing of an application for a certificate shall be fixed by the board at not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).
- (b) The biennial fee to be paid upon the application for a renewal of a certificate shall be fixed by the board at not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- (c) The penalty fee for failure to renew a certificate within the prescribed time shall be 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the date of the renewal of the license, but not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (d) The fee to be paid upon the filing of an application for the nurse-midwife equivalency examination shall be fixed by the board at not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (e) The fee to be paid for a temporary certificate shall be fixed by the board at not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

SEC. 25.

- SEC. 34. Section 2816 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 2816. The nonrefundable fee to be paid by a registered nurse for an evaluation of his or her qualifications to use the title "public health nurse" shall be equal to the fees set out in subdivision (o) of Section 2815. The fee to be paid upon the application for renewal of the certificate to practice as a public health nurse shall be fixed by the board at not less than one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). All fees payable under this section shall be collected by and paid to the Registered Nursing Fund. It is the intention of the Legislature that the costs of carrying out the purposes of this article shall be
- 39 covered by the revenue collected pursuant to this section.

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2 SEC. 35. Section 2830.7 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2830.7. The amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter in connection with the issuance of certificates as nurse anesthetists is that fixed by the following schedule:

- (a) The fee to be paid upon the filing of an application for a certificate shall be fixed by the board at not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).
- (b) The biennial fee to be paid upon the application for a renewal of a certificate shall be fixed by the board at not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- (c) The penalty fee for failure to renew a certificate within the prescribed time shall be 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the date of the renewal of the license, but not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (d) The fee to be paid for a temporary certificate shall be fixed by the board at not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

SEC. 27.

- SEC. 36. Section 2836.3 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 2836.3. (a) The furnishing of drugs or devices by nurse practitioners is conditional on issuance by the board of a number to the nurse applicant who has successfully completed the requirements of subdivision (g) of Section 2836.1. The number shall be included on all transmittals of orders for drugs or devices by the nurse practitioner. The board shall make the list of numbers issued available to the Board of Pharmacy. The board may charge the applicant a fee to cover all necessary costs to implement this section, that shall be not less than four hundred dollars (\$400) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for an initial application, nor less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for an application for renewal. The board may charge a penalty fee for failure to renew a furnishing number within the prescribed time that shall be not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

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- (b) The number shall be renewable at the time of the applicant's registered nurse license renewal.
- (c) The board may revoke, suspend, or deny issuance of the numbers for incompetence or gross negligence in the performance of functions specified in Sections 2836.1 and 2836.2.

SEC. 28.

- SEC. 37. Section 2838.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 2838.2. (a) A clinical nurse specialist is a registered nurse with advanced education, who participates in expert clinical practice, education, research, consultation, and clinical leadership as the major components of his or her role.
 - (b) The board may establish categories of clinical nurse specialists and the standards required to be met for nurses to hold themselves out as clinical nurse specialists in each category. The standards shall take into account the types of advanced levels of nursing practice that are or may be performed and the clinical and didactic education, experience, or both needed to practice safety at those levels. In setting the standards, the board shall consult with clinical nurse specialists, physicians and surgeons appointed by the Medical Board with expertise with clinical nurse specialists, and health care organizations that utilize clinical nurse specialists.
 - (c) A registered nurse who meets one of the following requirements may apply to become a clinical nurse specialist:
 - (1) Possession of a master's degree in a clinical field of nursing.
 - (2) Possession of a master's degree in a clinical field related to nursing with coursework in the components referred to in subdivision (a).
 - (3) On or before July 1, 1998, meets the following requirements:
 - (A) Current licensure as a registered nurse.
 - (B) Performs the role of a clinical nurse specialist as described in subdivision (a).
 - (C) Meets any other criteria established by the board.
- (d) (1) A nonrefundable fee of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500), but not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) shall be paid by a registered nurse applying to be a clinical nurse specialist for the evaluation of his or her qualifications to use the title "clinical nurse specialist."

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(2) The fee to be paid for a temporary certificate to practice as a clinical nurse specialist shall be not less than thirty dollars (\$30) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50).

- (3) A biennial renewal fee shall be paid upon submission of an application to renew the clinical nurse specialist certificate and shall be established by the board at no less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- (4) The penalty fee for failure to renew a certificate within the prescribed time shall be 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the date of the renewal of the license, but not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (5) The fees authorized by this subdivision shall not exceed the amount necessary to cover the costs to the board to administer this section.

SEC. 29.

- SEC. 38. Section 4128.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4128.2. (a) In addition to the pharmacy license requirement described in Section 4110, a centralized hospital packaging pharmacy shall obtain a specialty license from the board prior to engaging in the functions described in Section 4128.
- (b) An applicant seeking a specialty license pursuant to this article shall apply to the board on forms established by the board.
- (c) Before issuing the specialty license, the board shall inspect the pharmacy and ensure that the pharmacy is in compliance with this article and regulations established by the board.
- (d) A license to perform the functions described in Section 4128 may only be issued to a pharmacy that is licensed by the board as a hospital pharmacy.
- (e) A license issued pursuant to this article shall be renewed annually and is not transferrable.
- (f) An applicant seeking renewal of a specialty license shall apply to the board on forms established by the board.
- (g) A license to perform the functions described in Section 4128 shall not be renewed until the pharmacy has been inspected by the board and found to be in compliance with this article and regulations established by the board.
- 38 (h) Until July 1, 2017, the fee for issuance or annual renewal of a centralized hospital packaging pharmacy license shall be six

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hundred dollars (\$600) and may be increased by the board to eight 2 hundred dollars (\$800). 3

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- SEC. 39. Section 4170 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 4170. (a) No prescriber shall dispense drugs or dangerous devices to patients in his or her office or place of practice unless all of the following conditions are met:
 - (1) The dangerous drugs or dangerous devices are dispensed to the prescriber's own patient, and the drugs or dangerous devices are not furnished by a nurse or physician attendant.
 - (2) The dangerous drugs or dangerous devices are necessary in the treatment of the condition for which the prescriber is attending the patient.
 - (3) The prescriber does not keep a pharmacy, open shop, or drugstore, advertised or otherwise, for the retailing of dangerous drugs, dangerous devices, or poisons.
 - (4) The prescriber fulfills all of the labeling requirements imposed upon pharmacists by Section 4076, all of the recordkeeping requirements of this chapter, and all of the packaging requirements of good pharmaceutical practice, including the use of childproof containers.
 - (5) The prescriber does not use a dispensing device unless he or she personally owns the device and the contents of the device, and personally dispenses the dangerous drugs or dangerous devices to the patient packaged, labeled, and recorded in accordance with paragraph (4).
 - (6) The prescriber, prior to dispensing, offers to give a written prescription to the patient that the patient may elect to have filled by the prescriber or by any pharmacy.
 - (7) The prescriber provides the patient with written disclosure that the patient has a choice between obtaining the prescription from the dispensing prescriber or obtaining the prescription at a pharmacy of the patient's choice.
 - (8) A certified nurse-midwife who functions pursuant to a standardized procedure or protocol described in Section 2746.51, a nurse practitioner who functions pursuant to a standardized procedure described in Section 2836.1, or protocol, a physician assistant who functions pursuant to Section 3502.1, or a naturopathic doctor who functions pursuant to Section 3640.5,

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may hand to a patient of the supervising physician and surgeon a properly labeled prescription drug prepackaged by a physician and 3 surgeon, a manufacturer as defined in this chapter, or a pharmacist.

- 4 (b) The Medical Board of California, the California Board of 5 Podiatric Medicine, the State Board of Optometry, the Bureau of 6 Naturopathic Medicine, the Dental Board of California, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, the Board of Registered 8 Nursing, the Veterinary Medical Board, and the Physician Assistant Committee shall have authority with the California State Board of 10 Pharmacy to ensure compliance with this section, and those boards are specifically charged with the enforcement of this chapter with 12 respect to their respective licensees.
 - (c) "Prescriber," as used in this section, means a person, who holds a physician's and surgeon's certificate, a license to practice optometry, a license to practice naturopathic medicine, a license to practice dentistry, a license to practice veterinary medicine, or a certificate to practice podiatry, and who is duly registered by the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the State Board of Optometry, the Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine, the Dental Board of California, the Veterinary Medical Board, or the Board of Osteopathic Examiners of this state.

SEC. 31.

- SEC. 40. Section 4175 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- (a) The California State Board of Pharmacy shall promptly forward to the appropriate licensing entity, including the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Veterinary Medical Board, the Dental Board of California, the State Board of Optometry, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, the Board of Registered Nursing, the Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine, or the Physician Assistant Committee, all complaints received related to dangerous drugs or dangerous devices dispensed by a prescriber, certified nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, naturopathic doctor, or physician assistant pursuant to Section 4170.
- (b) All complaints involving serious bodily injury due to dangerous drugs or dangerous devices dispensed by prescribers, certified nurse-midwives, nurse practitioners, naturopathic doctors, or physician assistants pursuant to Section 4170 shall be handled

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- by the Medical Board of California, the California Board of
- Podiatric Medicine, the Dental Board of California, the State Board
- of Optometry, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, the
- 4 Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine, the Board of Registered Nursing,
- 5 the Veterinary Medical Board, or the Physician Assistant
- 6 Committee as a case of greatest potential harm to a patient. 7

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- SEC. 41. Section 4400 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4400. The amount of fees and penalties prescribed by this chapter, except as otherwise provided, is that fixed by the board according to the following schedule:
- (a) The fee for a nongovernmental pharmacy license shall be four hundred dollars (\$400) and may be increased to five hundred twenty dollars (\$520). The fee for the issuance of a temporary nongovernmental pharmacy permit shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and may be increased to three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325).
- (b) The fee for a nongovernmental pharmacy license annual renewal shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and may be increased to three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325).
- (c) The fee for the pharmacist application and examination shall be two hundred dollars (\$200) and may be increased to two hundred sixty dollars (\$260).
- (d) The fee for regrading an examination shall be ninety dollars (\$90) and may be increased to one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115). If an error in grading is found and the applicant passes the examination, the regrading fee shall be refunded.
- (e) The fee for a pharmacist license and biennial renewal shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and may be increased to one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$195).
- (f) The fee for a nongovernmental wholesaler or third-party logistics provider license and annual renewal shall be seven hundred eighty dollars (\$780) and may be decreased to no less than six hundred dollars (\$600). The application fee for any additional location after licensure of the first 20 locations shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) and may be decreased to no less than two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225). A temporary license fee shall be seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715) and may be decreased to no less than five hundred fifty dollars (\$550).

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(g) The fee for a hypodermic license and renewal shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) and may be increased to one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$165).

- (h) (1) The fee for application, investigation, and issuance of a license as a designated representative pursuant to Section 4053, or as a designated representative-3PL pursuant to Section 4053.1, shall be three hundred thirty dollars (\$330) and may be decreased to no less than two hundred fifty-five dollars (\$255).
- (2) The fee for the annual renewal of a license as a designated representative or designated representative-3PL shall be one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$195) and may be decreased to no less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (i) (1) The fee for the application, investigation, and issuance of a license as a designated representative for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer pursuant to Section 4053 shall be three hundred thirty dollars (\$330) and may be decreased to no less than two hundred fifty-five dollars (\$255).
- (2) The fee for the annual renewal of a license as a designated representative for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer shall be one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$195) and may be decreased to no less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (j) (1) The application fee for a nonresident wholesaler or third-party logistics provider license issued pursuant to Section 4161 shall be seven hundred eighty dollars (\$780) and may be decreased to no less than six hundred dollars (\$600).
- (2) For nonresident wholesalers or third-party logistics providers that have 21 or more facilities operating nationwide the application fees for the first 20 locations shall be seven hundred eighty dollars (\$780) and may be decreased to no less than six hundred dollars (\$600). The application fee for any additional location after licensure of the first 20 locations shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) and may be decreased to no less than two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225). A temporary license fee shall be seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715) and may be decreased to no less than five hundred fifty dollars (\$550).
- (3) The annual renewal fee for a nonresident wholesaler license or third-party logistics provider license issued pursuant to Section 4161 shall be seven hundred eighty dollars (\$780) and may be decreased to no less than six hundred dollars (\$600).

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(k) The fee for evaluation of continuing education courses for accreditation shall be set by the board at an amount not to exceed forty dollars (\$40) per course hour.

- (*l*) The fee for an intern pharmacist license shall be ninety dollars (\$90) and may be increased to one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115). The fee for transfer of intern hours or verification of licensure to another state shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) and may be increased to thirty dollars (\$30).
- (m) The board may waive or refund the additional fee for the issuance of a license where the license is issued less than 45 days before the next regular renewal date.
- (n) The fee for the reissuance of any license, or renewal thereof, that has been lost or destroyed or reissued due to a name change shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35) and may be increased to forty-five dollars (\$45).
- (o) The fee for the reissuance of any license, or renewal thereof, that must be reissued because of a change in the information, shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) and may be increased to one hundred thirty dollars (\$130).
- (p) It is the intent of the Legislature that, in setting fees pursuant to this section, the board shall seek to maintain a reserve in the Pharmacy Board Contingent Fund equal to approximately one year's operating expenditures.
- (q) The fee for any applicant for a nongovernmental clinic license shall be four hundred dollars (\$400) and may be increased to five hundred twenty dollars (\$520) for each license. The annual fee for renewal of the license shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and may be increased to three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325) for each license.
- (r) The fee for the issuance of a pharmacy technician license shall be eighty dollars (\$80) and may be increased to one hundred five dollars (\$105). The fee for renewal of a pharmacy technician license shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) and may be increased to one hundred thirty dollars (\$130).
- (s) The fee for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer license shall be four hundred five dollars (\$405) and may be increased to four hundred twenty-five dollars (\$425). The annual renewal fee for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer license shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and may be increased to three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325).

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(t) The fee for issuance of a retired license pursuant to Section 4200.5 shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35) and may be increased to forty-five dollars (\$45).

- (u) The fee for issuance or renewal of a nongovernmental sterile compounding pharmacy license shall be six hundred dollars (\$600) and may be increased to seven hundred eighty dollars (\$780). The fee for a temporary license shall be five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) and may be increased to seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715).
- (v) The fee for the issuance or renewal of a nonresident sterile compounding pharmacy license shall be seven hundred eighty dollars (\$780). In addition to paying that application fee, the nonresident sterile compounding pharmacy shall deposit, when submitting the application, a reasonable amount, as determined by the board, necessary to cover the board's estimated cost of performing the inspection required by Section 4127.2. If the required deposit is not submitted with the application, the application shall be deemed to be incomplete. If the actual cost of the inspection exceeds the amount deposited, the board shall provide to the applicant a written invoice for the remaining amount and shall not take action on the application until the full amount has been paid to the board. If the amount deposited exceeds the amount of actual and necessary costs incurred, the board shall remit the difference to the applicant.
- (w) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2017, and as of January 1, 2018, is repealed.

SEC. 33.

- SEC. 42. Section 4400 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 4400. The amount of fees and penalties prescribed by this chapter, except as otherwise provided, is that fixed by the board according to the following schedule:
- (a) The fee for a nongovernmental pharmacy license shall be five hundred twenty dollars (\$520) and may be increased to five hundred seventy dollars (\$570). The fee for the issuance of a temporary nongovernmental pharmacy permit shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and may be increased to three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325).
- (b) The fee for a nongovernmental pharmacy license annual renewal shall be six hundred sixty-five dollars (\$665) and may be increased to nine hundred thirty dollars (\$930).

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(c) The fee for the pharmacist application and examination shall be two hundred sixty dollars (\$260) and may be increased to two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$285).

- (d) The fee for regrading an examination shall be ninety dollars (\$90) and may be increased to one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115). If an error in grading is found and the applicant passes the examination, the regrading fee shall be refunded.
- (e) The fee for a pharmacist license shall be one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$195) and may be increased to two hundred fifteen dollars (\$215). The fee for a pharmacist biennial renewal shall be three hundred sixty dollars (\$360) and may be increased to five hundred five dollars (\$505).
- (f) The fee for a nongovernmental wholesaler or third-party logistics provider license and annual renewal shall be seven hundred eighty dollars (\$780) and may be increased to eight hundred twenty dollars (\$820). The application fee for any additional location after licensure of the first 20 locations shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) and may be decreased to no less than two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225). A temporary license fee shall be seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715) and may be decreased to no less than five hundred fifty dollars (\$550).
- (g) The fee for a hypodermic license shall be one hundred seventy dollars (\$170) and may be increased to two hundred forty dollars (\$240). The fee for a hypodermic license renewal shall be two hundred dollars (\$200) and may be increased to two hundred eighty dollars (\$280).
- (h) (1) The fee for application, investigation, and issuance of a license as a designated representative pursuant to Section 4053, or as a designated representative-3PL pursuant to Section 4053.1, shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and may be increased to two hundred ten dollars (\$210).
- (2) The fee for the annual renewal of a license as a designated representative or designated representative-3PL shall be two hundred fifteen dollars (\$215) and may be increased to three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (i) (1) The fee for the application, investigation, and issuance of a license as a designated representative for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer pursuant to Section 4053 shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and may be increased to two hundred ten dollars (\$210).

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(2) The fee for the annual renewal of a license as a designated representative for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer shall be two hundred fifteen dollars (\$215) and may be increased to three hundred dollars (\$300).

- (j) (1) The application fee for a nonresident wholesaler or third-party logistics provider license issued pursuant to Section 4161 shall be seven hundred eighty dollars (\$780) and may be increased to eight hundred twenty dollars (\$820).
- (2) For nonresident wholesalers or third-party logistics providers that have 21 or more facilities operating nationwide the application fees for the first 20 locations shall be seven hundred eighty dollars (\$780) and may be increased to eight hundred twenty dollars (\$820). The application fee for any additional location after licensure of the first 20 locations shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) and may be decreased to no less than two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225). A temporary license fee shall be seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715) and may be decreased to no less than five hundred fifty dollars (\$550).
- (3) The annual renewal fee for a nonresident wholesaler license or third-party logistics provider license issued pursuant to Section 4161 shall be seven hundred eighty dollars (\$780) and may be increased to eight hundred twenty dollars (\$820).
- (k) The fee for evaluation of continuing education courses for accreditation shall be set by the board at an amount not to exceed forty dollars (\$40) per course hour.
- (*l*) The fee for an intern pharmacist license shall be one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$165) and may be increased to two hundred thirty dollars (\$230). The fee for transfer of intern hours or verification of licensure to another state shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) and may be increased to thirty dollars (\$30).
- (m) The board may waive or refund the additional fee for the issuance of a license where the license is issued less than 45 days before the next regular renewal date.
- (n) The fee for the reissuance of any license, or renewal thereof, that has been lost or destroyed or reissued due to a name change shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35) and may be increased to forty-five dollars (\$45).
- (o) The fee for the reissuance of any license, or renewal thereof, that must be reissued because of a change in the information, shall

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be one hundred dollars (\$100) and may be increased to one hundred
thirty dollars (\$130).
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- (p) It is the intent of the Legislature that, in setting fees pursuant to this section, the board shall seek to maintain a reserve in the Pharmacy Board Contingent Fund equal to approximately one year's operating expenditures.
- (q) The fee for any applicant for a nongovernmental clinic license shall be five hundred twenty dollars (\$520) for each license and may be increased to five hundred seventy dollars (\$570). The annual fee for renewal of the license shall be three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325) for each license and may be increased to three hundred sixty dollars (\$360).
- (r) The fee for the issuance of a pharmacy technician license shall be one hundred forty dollars (\$140) and may be increased to one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$195). The fee for renewal of a pharmacy technician license shall be one hundred forty dollars (\$140) and may be increased to one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$195).
- (s) The fee for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer license shall be four hundred thirty-five dollars (\$435) and may be increased to six hundred ten dollars (\$610). The annual renewal fee for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer license shall be three hundred thirty dollars (\$330) and may be increased to four hundred sixty dollars (\$460).
- (t) The fee for issuance of a retired license pursuant to Section 4200.5 shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35) and may be increased to forty-five dollars (\$45).
- (u) The fee for issuance of a nongovernmental sterile compounding pharmacy license shall be one thousand six hundred forty-five dollars (\$1,645) and may be increased to two thousand three hundred five dollars (\$2,305). The fee for a temporary license shall be five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) and may be increased to seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715). The annual renewal fee of the license shall be one thousand three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,325) and may be increased to one thousand eight hundred fifty-five dollars (\$1,855).
- (v) The fee for the issuance of a nonresident sterile compounding pharmacy license shall be two thousand three hundred eighty dollars (\$2,380) and may be increased to three thousand three hundred thirty-five dollars (\$3,335). The annual renewal of the

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license shall be two thousand two hundred seventy dollars (\$2,270) and may be increased to three thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$3,180). In addition to paying that application fee, the nonresident sterile compounding pharmacy shall deposit, when submitting the application, a reasonable amount, as determined by the board, necessary to cover the board's estimated cost of performing the inspection required by Section 4127.2. If the required deposit is not submitted with the application, the application shall be deemed to be incomplete. If the actual cost of the inspection exceeds the amount deposited, the board shall provide to the applicant a written invoice for the remaining amount and shall not take action on the application until the full amount has been paid to the board. If the amount deposited exceeds the amount of actual and necessary costs incurred, the board shall remit the difference to the applicant.

- (w) The fee for the issuance of a centralized hospital packaging license shall be eight hundred twenty dollars (\$820) and may be increased to one thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$1,150). The annual renewal of the license shall be eight hundred five dollars (\$805) and may be increased to one thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,125).
- (x) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2017.
 SEC. 34.
 - SEC. 43. Section 4830 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 4830. (a) This chapter does not apply to:
 - (1) Veterinarians while serving in any armed branch of the military service of the United States or the United States Department of Agriculture while actually engaged and employed in their official capacity.
 - (2) Veterinarians holding a current, valid license in good standing in another state or country who provide assistance to a California licensed veterinarian and attend on a specific case. The California licensed veterinarian shall maintain a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship. The veterinarian providing the assistance shall not establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship with the client by attending the case or at a future time and shall not practice veterinary medicine, open an office, appoint a place to meet patients, communicate with clients who reside within the limits of this state, give orders, or have ultimate authority

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over the care or primary diagnosis of a patient that is located within this state.

- (3) Veterinarians called into the state by a law enforcement agency or animal control agency pursuant to subdivision (b).
- (4) Veterinarians employed by the University of California while engaged in the performance of duties in connection with the College of Agriculture, the Agricultural Experiment Station, the School of Veterinary Medicine, or the agricultural extension work of the university or employed by the Western University of Health Sciences while engaged in the performance of duties in connection with the College of Veterinary Medicine or the agricultural extension work of the university.
- (5) Students in the School of Veterinary Medicine of the University of California or the College of Veterinary Medicine of the Western University of Health Sciences who participate in diagnosis and treatment as part of their educational experience, including those in off-campus educational programs under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian in good standing, as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 4848, appointed by the University of California, Davis, or the Western University of Health Sciences.
- (6) A veterinarian who is employed by the Meat and Poultry Inspection Branch of the California Department of Food and Agriculture while actually engaged and employed in his or her official capacity. A person exempt under this paragraph shall not otherwise engage in the practice of veterinary medicine unless he or she is issued a license by the board.
- (7) Unlicensed personnel employed by the Department of Food and Agriculture or the United States Department of Agriculture when in the course of their duties they are directed by a veterinarian supervisor to conduct an examination, obtain biological specimens, apply biological tests, or administer medications or biological products as part of government disease or condition monitoring, investigation, control, or eradication activities.
- (b) (1) For purposes of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), a regularly licensed veterinarian in good standing who is called from another state by a law enforcement agency or animal control agency, as defined in Section 31606 of the Food and Agricultural Code, to attend to cases that are a part of an investigation of an alleged violation of federal or state animal fighting or animal

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cruelty laws within a single geographic location shall be exempt from the licensing requirements of this chapter if the law enforcement agency or animal control agency determines that it is necessary to call the veterinarian in order for the agency or officer to conduct the investigation in a timely, efficient, and effective manner. In determining whether it is necessary to call a veterinarian from another state, consideration shall be given to the availability of veterinarians in this state to attend to these cases. An agency, department, or officer that calls a veterinarian pursuant to this subdivision shall notify the board of the investigation.

- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a regularly licensed veterinarian in good standing who is called from another state to attend to cases that are a part of an investigation described in paragraph (1) may provide veterinary medical care for animals that are affected by the investigation with a temporary shelter facility, and the temporary shelter facility shall be exempt from the registration requirement of Section 4853 if all of the following conditions are met:
- (A) The temporary shelter facility is established only for the purpose of the investigation.
- (B) The temporary shelter facility provides veterinary medical care, shelter, food, and water only to animals that are affected by the investigation.
 - (C) The temporary shelter facility complies with Section 4854.
- (D) The temporary shelter facility exists for not more than 60 days, unless the law enforcement agency or animal control agency determines that a longer period of time is necessary to complete the investigation.
- (E) Within 30 calendar days upon completion of the provision of veterinary health care services at a temporary shelter facility established pursuant to this section, the veterinarian called from another state by a law enforcement agency or animal control agency to attend to a case shall file a report with the board. The report shall contain the date, place, type, and general description of the care provided, along with a listing of the veterinary health care practitioners who participated in providing that care.
- (c) For purposes of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), the board may inspect temporary facilities established pursuant to this section.

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SEC. 44. Section 4999 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4999. "Telephone medical advice service" means any business entity that employs, or contracts or subcontracts, directly or indirectly, with, the full-time equivalent of five or more persons functioning as health care professionals, whose primary function is to provide telephone medical advice, that provides telephone medical advice services to a patient at a California address. "Telephone medical advice service" does not include a medical group that operates in multiple locations in California if no more than five full-time equivalent persons at any one location perform telephone medical advice services and those persons limit the telephone medical advice services to patients being treated at that location.

SEC. 36.

17 SEC. 45. Section 4999.1 of the Business and Professions Code 18 is repealed.

SEC. 37.

20 SEC. 46. Section 4999.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4999.2. A telephone medical advice service shall be responsible for complying with the following requirements:

(a) (1) Ensuring that all health care professionals who provide medical advice services are appropriately licensed, certified, or registered as a physician and surgeon pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000) or the Osteopathic Initiative Act, as a dentist, dental hygienist, dental hygienist in alternative practice, or dental hygienist in extended functions pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1600), as an occupational therapist pursuant to Chapter 5.6 (commencing with Section 2570), as a registered nurse pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 2700), as a psychologist pursuant to Chapter 6.6 (commencing with Section 2900), as a naturopathic doctor pursuant to Chapter 8.2 (commencing with Section 3610), as a marriage and family therapist pursuant to Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 4980), as a licensed clinical social worker pursuant to Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 4991), as a licensed professional clinical counselor pursuant to Chapter (commencing with Section 4999.10), as an optometrist pursuant SB 1039 — 82 —

to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 3000), or as a chiropractor pursuant to the Chiropractic Initiative Act, and operating consistent with the laws governing their respective scopes of practice in the state within which they provide telephone medical advice services, except as provided in subdivision (b).

- (2) Ensuring that all health care professionals who provide telephone medical advice services from an out-of-state location, as identified in paragraph (1), are licensed, registered, or certified in the state within which they are providing the telephone medical advice services and are operating consistent with the laws governing their respective scopes of practice.
- (b) Ensuring that the telephone medical advice provided is consistent with good professional practice.
- (c) Maintaining records of telephone medical advice services, including records of complaints, provided to patients in California for a period of at least five years.
- (d) Ensuring that no staff member uses a title or designation when speaking to an enrollee, subscriber, or consumer that may cause a reasonable person to believe that the staff member is a licensed, certified, or registered health care professional described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a), unless the staff member is a licensed, certified, or registered professional.
- (e) Complying with all directions and requests for information made by the department.
- (f) Notifying the department within 30 days of any change of name, physical location, mailing address, or telephone number of any business, owner, partner, corporate officer, or agent for service of process in California, together with copies of all resolutions or other written communications that substantiate these changes.
- 30 SEC. 38.
- 31 SEC. 47. Section 4999.3 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.
- 33 SEC. 39.
- 34 SEC. 48. Section 4999.4 of the Business and Professions Code
- 35 is repealed.
- 36 SEC. 40.
- 37 SEC. 49. Section 4999.5 of the Business and Professions Code
- 38 is repealed.

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SEC. 41.

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 SEC. 50. Section 4999.5 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4999.5. The respective healing arts licensing boards shall be responsible for enforcing this chapter and any other laws and regulations affecting California licensed health care professionals providing telephone medical advice services.

SEC. 42.

9 SEC. 51. Section 4999.6 of the Business and Professions Code 10 is repealed.

SEC. 43.

- SEC. 52. Section 7137 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 7137. The board shall set fees by regulation. These fees shall not exceed the following schedule:
- (a) The application fee for an original license in a single classification shall not be more than three hundred dollars (\$300).

The application fee for each additional classification applied for in connection with an original license shall not be more than seventy-five dollars (\$75).

The application fee for each additional classification pursuant to Section 7059 shall not be more than seventy-five dollars (\$75).

The application fee to replace a responsible managing officer, responsible managing manager, responsible managing member, or responsible managing employee pursuant to Section 7068.2 shall not be more than seventy-five dollars (\$75).

- (b) The fee for rescheduling an examination for an applicant who has applied for an original license, additional classification, a change of responsible managing officer, responsible managing manager, responsible managing member, or responsible managing employee, or for an asbestos certification or hazardous substance removal certification, shall not be more than sixty dollars (\$60).
- (c) The fee for scheduling or rescheduling an examination for a licensee who is required to take the examination as a condition of probation shall not be more than sixty dollars (\$60).
- (d) The initial license fee for an active or inactive license shall not be more than one hundred eighty dollars (\$180).
- 38 (e) The renewal fee for an active license shall not be more than three hundred sixty dollars (\$360).

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 The renewal fee for an inactive license shall not be more than one hundred eighty dollars (\$180).

- (f) The delinquency fee is an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee, if the license is renewed after its expiration.
- (g) The registration fee for a home improvement salesperson shall not be more than seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (h) The renewal fee for a home improvement salesperson registration shall not be more than seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (i) The application fee for an asbestos certification examination shall not be more than seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (j) The application fee for a hazardous substance removal or remedial action certification examination shall not be more than seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (k) In addition to any other fees charged to C-10 and C-7 contractors, the board may charge a fee not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20), which shall be used by the board to enforce provisions of the Labor Code related to electrician certification.
- (*l*) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2017, and as of January 1, 2018, is repealed.

SEC. 44.

- *SEC. 53.* Section 7137 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 7137. The board may set fees by regulation. These fees shall be set according to the following schedule:
- (a) (1) The application fee for an original license in a single classification shall be three hundred thirty dollars (\$330) and may be increased to not more than three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375).
- (2) The application fee for each additional classification applied for in connection with an original license shall not be more than eighty-five dollars (\$85).
- (3) The application fee for each additional classification pursuant to Section 7059 shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and may be increased to not more than one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175).
- (4) The application fee to replace a responsible managing officer, responsible managing manager, responsible managing member, or responsible managing employee pursuant to Section 7068.2 shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and may be increased to not more than one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175).

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(5) The application fee to add personnel, other than a qualifying individual, to an existing license shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) and may be increased to not more than one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115).

- (b) The fee for rescheduling an examination for an applicant who has applied for an original license, additional classification, a change of responsible managing officer, responsible managing manager, responsible managing member, or responsible managing employee, or for an asbestos certification or hazardous substance removal certification, shall not be more than seventy dollars (\$70).
- (c) The fee for scheduling or rescheduling an examination for a licensee who is required to take the examination as a condition of probation shall not be more than seventy dollars (\$70).
- (d) The initial license fee for an active or inactive license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200) and may be increased to not more than two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225).
- (e) (1) The renewal fee for an active license shall be four hundred dollars (\$400) and may be increased to not more than four hundred fifty dollars (\$450).
- (2) The renewal fee for an inactive license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200) and may be increased to not more than two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225).
- (f) The delinquency fee is an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee, if the license is renewed after its expiration.
- (g) The registration fee for a home improvement salesperson shall be eighty-three dollars (\$83) and may be increased to not more than ninety-five dollars (\$95).
- (h) The renewal fee for a home improvement salesperson registration shall be eighty-three dollars (\$83) and may be increased to not more than ninety-five dollars (\$95).
- (i) The application fee for an asbestos certification examination shall be eighty-three dollars (\$83) and may be increased to not more than ninety-five dollars (\$95).
- (j) The application fee for a hazardous substance removal or remedial action certification examination shall be eighty-three dollars (\$83) and may be increased to not more than ninety-five dollars (\$95).
- (k) In addition to any other fees charged to C-10 and C-7 contractors, the board may charge a fee not to exceed twenty dollars

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(\$20), which shall be used by the board to enforce provisions of the Labor Code related to electrician certification.

- (*l*) The board shall, by regulation, establish criteria for the approval of expedited processing of applications. Approved expedited processing of applications for licensure or registration, as required by other provisions of law, shall not be subject to this subdivision.
- 8 (m) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2017.9 SEC. 45.
 - SEC. 54. Section 7153.3 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 7153.3. (a) To renew a home improvement salesperson registration, which has not expired, the registrant shall before the time at which the registration would otherwise expire, apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the registrar and pay a renewal fee prescribed by this chapter. Renewal of an unexpired registration shall continue the registration in effect for the two-year period following the expiration date of the registration, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.
 - (b) An application for renewal of registration is delinquent if the application is not postmarked or received via electronic transmission as authorized by Section 7156.6 by the date on which the registration would otherwise expire. A registration may, however, still be renewed at any time within three years after its expiration upon the filing of an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the registrar and the payment of the renewal fee prescribed by this chapter and a delinquent renewal penalty in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25). If a registration is not renewed within three years, the person shall make a new application for registration pursuant to Section 7153.1.
 - (c) The registrar may refuse to renew a registration for failure by the registrant to complete the application for renewal of registration. If a registrant fails to return the application rejected for insufficiency or incompleteness within 90 days from the original date of rejection, the application and fee shall be deemed abandoned. Any application abandoned may not be reinstated. However, the person may file a new application for registration pursuant to Section 7153.1.
- The registrar may review and accept the petition of a person who disputes the abandonment of his or her renewal application upon

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a showing of good cause. This petition shall be received within 90 days of the date the application for renewal is deemed abandoned.

(d) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2017, and as of January 1, 2018, is repealed.

SEC. 46.

- SEC. 55. Section 7153.3 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 7153.3. (a) To renew a home improvement salesperson registration, which has not expired, the registrant shall before the time at which the registration would otherwise expire, apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the registrar and pay a renewal fee prescribed by this chapter. Renewal of an unexpired registration shall continue the registration in effect for the two-year period following the expiration date of the registration, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.
- (b) An application for renewal of registration is delinquent if the application is not postmarked or received via electronic transmission as authorized by Section 7156.6 by the date on which the registration would otherwise expire. A registration may, however, still be renewed at any time within three years after its expiration upon the filing of an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the registrar and the payment of the renewal fee prescribed by this chapter and a delinquent renewal penalty equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee. If a registration is not renewed within three years, the person shall make a new application for registration pursuant to Section 7153.1.
- (c) (1) The registrar may refuse to renew a registration for failure by the registrant to complete the application for renewal of registration. If a registrant fails to return the application rejected for insufficiency or incompleteness within 90 days from the original date of rejection, the application and fee shall be deemed abandoned. Any application abandoned may not be reinstated. However, the person may file a new application for registration pursuant to Section 7153.1.
- (2) The registrar may review and accept the petition of a person who disputes the abandonment of his or her renewal application upon a showing of good cause. This petition shall be received within 90 days of the date the application for renewal is deemed abandoned.
 - (d) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2017.

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SEC. 47. Section 8031 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

- 8031. The amount of the fees required by this chapter is that fixed by the board in accordance with the following schedule:
- (a) The fee for filing an application for each examination shall be no more than forty dollars (\$40).
- (b) The fee for examination and reexamination for the written or practical part of the examination shall be in an amount fixed by the board, which shall be equal to the actual cost of preparing, administering, grading, and analyzing the examination, but shall not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75) for each separate part, for each administration.
- (e) The initial certificate fee is an amount equal to the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the certificate is issued, except that, if the certificate will expire less than 180 days after its issuance, then the fee is 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the certificate is issued, or fifty dollars (\$50), whichever is greater. The board may, by appropriate regulation, provide for the waiver or refund of the initial certificate fee where the certificate is issued less than 45 days before the date on which it will expire.
- (d) By a resolution adopted by the board, a renewal fee may be established in such amounts and at such times as the board may deem appropriate to meet its operational expenses and funding responsibilities as set forth in this chapter. The renewal fee shall not be more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor less than ten dollars (\$10) annually, with the following exception:

Any person who is employed full time by the State of California as a hearing reporter and who does not otherwise render shorthand reporting services for a fee shall be exempt from licensure while in state employment and shall not be subject to the renewal fee provisions of this subdivision until 30 days after leaving state employment. The renewal fee shall, in addition to the amount fixed by this subdivision, include any unpaid fees required by this section plus any delinquency fee.

(e) The duplicate certificate fee shall be no greater than ten dollars (\$10).

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(f) The penalty for failure to notify the board of a change of name or address as required by Section 8024.6 shall be no greater than fifty dollars (\$50).

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SEC. 56. Section 8516 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

- 8516. (a) This section, and Section 8519, apply only to wood destroying pests or organisms.
- (b) A registered company or licensee shall not commence work on a contract, or sign, issue, or deliver any documents expressing an opinion or statement relating to the absence or presence of wood destroying pests or organisms until an inspection has been made by a licensed Branch 3 field representative or operator employed by a registered company, except as provided in Section 8519.5. The address of each property inspected or upon which work is completed shall be reported on a form prescribed by the board and shall be filed with the board no later than 10 business days after the commencement of an inspection or upon completed work.

Every property inspected pursuant to this subdivision or Section 8518 shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to Section 8674.

Failure of a registered company to report and file with the board the address of any property inspected or work completed pursuant to Section 8518 or this section is grounds for disciplinary action and shall subject the registered company to a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). The address of an inspection report prepared for use by an attorney for litigation purposes shall not be required to be reported to the board and shall not be assessed a filing fee.

A written inspection report conforming to this section and a form approved by the board shall be prepared and delivered to the person requesting the inspection and the property owner, or to the property owner's designated agent, within 10 business days from the start of the inspection, except that an inspection report prepared for use by an attorney for litigation purposes is not required to be reported to the board or the property owner. An inspection report may be a complete, limited, supplemental, or reinspection report, as defined by Section 1993 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. The report shall be delivered before work is commenced on any property. The registered company shall retain for three years all inspection reports, field notes, and activity forms.

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Reports shall be made available for inspection and reproduction to the executive officer of the board or his or her duly authorized representative during business hours. All inspection reports or copies thereof shall be submitted to the board upon demand within two business days. The following shall be set forth in the report:

- (1) The start date of the inspection and the name of the licensed field representative or operator making the inspection.
- (2) The name and address of the person or firm ordering the report.
- (3) The name and address of the property owner and any person who is a party in interest.
 - (4) The address or location of the property.
 - (5) A general description of the building or premises inspected.
- (6) A foundation diagram or sketch of the structure or structures or portions of the structure or structures inspected, including the approximate location of any infested or infected areas evident, and the parts of the structure where conditions that would ordinarily subject those parts to attack by wood destroying pests or organisms exist. Reporting of the infested or infected wood members, or parts of the structure identified, shall be listed in the inspection report to clearly identify them, as is typical in standard construction components, including, but not limited to, siding, studs, rafters, floor joists, fascia, subfloor, sheathing, and trim boards.
- (7) Information regarding the substructure, foundation walls and footings, porches, patios and steps, air vents, abutments, attic spaces, roof framing that includes the eaves, rafters, fascias, exposed timbers, exposed sheathing, ceiling joists, and attic walls, or other parts subject to attack by wood destroying pests or organisms. Conditions usually deemed likely to lead to infestation or infection, such as earth-wood contacts, excessive cellulose debris, faulty grade levels, excessive moisture conditions, evidence of roof leaks, and insufficient ventilation are to be reported.
- (8) One of the following statements, as appropriate, printed in bold type:
- (A) The exterior surface of the roof was not inspected. If you want the water tightness of the roof determined, you should contact a roofing contractor who is licensed by the Contractors' State License Board.
- (B) The exterior surface of the roof was inspected to determine whether or not wood destroying pests or organisms are present.

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(9) Indication or description of any areas that are inaccessible or not inspected with recommendation for further inspection if practicable. If, after the report has been made in compliance with this section, authority is given later to open inaccessible areas, a supplemental report on conditions in these areas shall be made.

(10) Recommendations for corrective measures.

- (11) Information regarding the pesticide or pesticides to be used for their control or prevention as set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 8538.
- (12) The inspection report shall clearly disclose that if requested by the person ordering the original report, a reinspection of the structure will be performed if an estimate or bid for making repairs was given with the original inspection report, or thereafter.

An estimate or bid shall be given separately allocating the costs to perform each and every recommendation for corrective measures as specified in subdivision (c) with the original inspection report if the person who ordered the original inspection report so requests, and if the registered company is regularly in the business of performing each corrective measure.

If no estimate or bid was given with the original inspection report, or thereafter, then the registered company shall not be required to perform a reinspection.

A reinspection shall be an inspection of those items previously listed on an original report to determine if the recommendations have been completed. Each reinspection shall be reported on an original inspection report form and shall be labeled "Reinspection." Each reinspection shall also identify the original report by date.

After four months from an original inspection, all inspections shall be original inspections and not reinspections.

Any reinspection shall be performed for not more than the price of the registered company's original inspection price and shall be completed within 10 business days after a reinspection has been ordered.

(13) The inspection report shall contain the following statement, printed in boldface type:

"NOTICE: Reports on this structure prepared by various registered companies should list the same findings (i.e. termite infestations, termite damage, fungus damage, etc.). However, recommendations to correct these findings may vary from company

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to company. You have a right to seek a second opinion from another company."

- (c) At the time a report is ordered, the registered company or licensee shall inform the person or entity ordering the report, that a separate report is available pursuant to this subdivision. If a separate report is requested at the time the inspection report is ordered, the registered company or licensee shall separately identify on the report each recommendation for corrective measures as follows:
 - (1) The infestation or infection that is evident.
- (2) The conditions that are present that are deemed likely to lead to infestation or infection.

If a registered company or licensee fails to inform as required by this subdivision and a dispute arises, or if any other dispute arises as to whether this subdivision has been complied with, a separate report shall be provided within 24 hours of the request but, in no event, later than the next business day, and at no additional cost.

- (d) When a corrective condition is identified, either as paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (c), and the property owner or the property owner's designated agent chooses not to correct those conditions, the registered company or licensee shall not be liable for damages resulting from a failure to correct those conditions or subject to any disciplinary action by the board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall relieve a registered company or a licensee of any liability resulting from negligence, fraud, dishonest dealing, other violations pursuant to this chapter, or contractual obligations between the registered company or licensee and the responsible parties.
- (e) The inspection report form prescribed by the board shall separately identify the infestation or infection that is evident and the conditions that are present that are deemed likely to lead to infestation or infection. If a separate form is requested, the form shall explain the infestation or infection that is evident and the conditions that are present that are deemed likely to lead to infestation or infection and the difference between those conditions. In no event, however, shall conditions deemed likely to lead to infestation or infection be characterized as actual "defects" or as actual "active" infestations or infections or in need of correction

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as a precondition to issuing a certification pursuant to Section 8519.

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- (f) The report and any contract entered into shall also state specifically when any guarantee for the work is made, and if so, the specific terms of the guarantee and the period of time for which the guarantee shall be in effect. If a guarantee extends beyond three years, the registered company shall maintain all original inspection reports, field notes, activity forms, and notices of completion for the duration of the guarantee period and for one year after the guarantee expires.
- (g) For purposes of this section, "control service agreement" means an agreement, including extended warranties, to have a licensee conduct over a period of time regular inspections and other activities related to the control or eradication of wood destroying pests and organisms. Under a control service agreement a registered company shall refer to the original report and contract in a manner as to identify them clearly, and the report shall be assumed to be a true report of conditions as originally issued, except it may be modified after a control service inspection. A registered company is not required to issue a report as outlined in paragraphs (1) to (11), inclusive, of subdivision (b) after each control service inspection. If after control service inspection, no modification of the original report is made in writing, then it will be assumed that conditions are as originally reported. A control service contract shall state specifically the particular wood destroying pests or organisms and the portions of the buildings or structures covered by the contract.
- (h) A registered company or licensee may enter into and maintain a control service agreement provided the following requirements are met:
- (1) The control service agreement shall be in writing, signed by both parties, and shall specifically include the following:
- (A) The wood destroying pests and organisms covered by the control service agreement.
- (B) Any wood destroying pest or organism that is not covered must be specifically listed.
- (C) The type and manner of treatment to be used to correct the infestations or infections.
- (D) The structures or buildings, or portions thereof, covered by the agreement, including a statement specifying whether the

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1 coverage for purposes of periodic inspections is limited or full.

- 2 Any exclusions from those described in the original report must 3 be specifically listed.
 - (E) A reference to the original inspection report.
 - (F) The frequency of the inspections to be provided, the fee to be charged for each renewal, and the duration of the agreement.
 - (G) Whether the fee includes structural repairs.
 - (H) If the services provided are guaranteed, and, if so, the terms of the guarantee.
 - (I) A statement that all corrections of infestations or infections covered by the control service agreement shall be completed within six months of discovery, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by both parties.
 - (2) The original inspection report, the control service agreement, and completion report shall be maintained for three years after the cancellation of the control service agreement.
 - (3) Inspections made pursuant to a control service agreement shall be conducted by a Branch 3 licensee. Section 8506.1 does not modify this provision.
 - (4) A full inspection of the property covered by the control service agreement shall be conducted and a report filed pursuant to subdivision (b) at least once every three years from the date that the agreement was entered into, unless the consumer cancels the contract within three years from the date the agreement was entered into.
 - (5) Under a control service agreement, a written report shall be required for the correction of any infestation or infection unless all of the following conditions are met:
 - (A) The infestation or infection has been previously reported.
 - (B) The infestation or infection is covered by the control service agreement.
 - (C) There is no additional charge for correcting the infestation or infection.
 - (D) Correction of the infestation or infection takes place within 45 days of its discovery.
 - (E) Correction of the infestation or infection does not include fumigation.
 - (6) All notice requirements pursuant to Section 8538 shall apply to all pesticide treatments conducted under control service agreements.

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(i) All work recommended by a registered company, where an estimate or bid for making repairs was given with the original inspection report, or thereafter, shall be recorded on this report or a separate work agreement and shall specify a price for each recommendation. This information shall be provided to the person requesting the inspection, and shall be retained by the registered company with the inspection report copy for three years.

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- SEC. 57. Section 8518 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 8518. (a) When a registered company completes work under a contract, it shall prepare, on a form prescribed by the board, a notice of work completed and not completed, and shall furnish that notice to the owner of the property or the owner's agent within 10 business days after completing the work. The notice shall include a statement of the cost of the completed work and estimated cost of work not completed.
- (b) The address of each property inspected or upon which work was completed shall be reported on a form prescribed by the board and shall be filed with the board no later than 10 business days after completed work.
- (c) A filing fee shall be assessed pursuant to Section 8674 for every property upon which work is completed.
- (d) Failure of a registered company to report and file with the board the address of any property upon which work was completed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 8516 or this section is grounds for disciplinary action and shall subject the registered company to a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).
- (e) The registered company shall retain for three years all original notices of work completed, work not completed, and activity forms.
- (f) Notices of work completed and not completed shall be made available for inspection and reproduction to the executive officer of the board or his or her duly authorized representative during business hours. Original notices of work completed or not completed or copies thereof shall be submitted to the board upon request within two business days.
- (g) This section shall only apply to work relating to wood destroying pests or organisms.

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2 SEC. 58. Section 13401 of the Corporations Code is amended 3 to read:

13401. As used in this part:

- (a) "Professional services" means any type of professional services that may be lawfully rendered only pursuant to a license, certification, or registration authorized by the Business and Professions Code, the Chiropractic Act, or the Osteopathic Act.
- (b) "Professional corporation" means a corporation organized under the General Corporation Law or pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 13406 that is engaged in rendering professional services in a single profession, except as otherwise authorized in Section 13401.5, pursuant to a certificate of registration issued by the governmental agency regulating the profession as herein provided and that in its practice or business designates itself as a professional or other corporation as may be required by statute. However, any professional corporation or foreign professional corporation rendering professional services by persons duly licensed by the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, the Dental Board of California, the Dental Hygiene Committee of California, the California State Board of Pharmacy, the Veterinary Medical Board, the California Architects Board, the Court Reporters Board California, the Board of Behavioral Sciences, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board, the Board of Registered Nursing, or the State Board of Optometry shall not be required to obtain a certificate of registration in order to render those professional services.
 - (c) "Foreign professional corporation" means a corporation organized under the laws of a state of the United States other than this state that is engaged in a profession of a type for which there is authorization in the Business and Professions Code for the performance of professional services by a foreign professional corporation.
- (d) "Licensed person" means any natural person who is duly licensed under the provisions of the Business and Professions Code, the Chiropractic Act, or the Osteopathic Act to render the same professional services as are or will be rendered by the professional corporation or foreign professional corporation of

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which he or she is, or intends to become, an officer, director, shareholder, or employee.

- (e) "Disqualified person" means a licensed person who for any reason becomes legally disqualified (temporarily or permanently) to render the professional services that the particular professional corporation or foreign professional corporation of which he or she is an officer, director, shareholder, or employee is or was rendering. SEC. 51.
- SEC. 59. Section 1348.8 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
- 1348.8. (a) A health care service plan that provides, operates, or contracts for telephone medical advice services to its enrollees and subscribers shall do all of the following:
- (1) Ensure that the in-state or out-of-state telephone medical advice service complies with the requirements of Chapter 15 (commencing with Section 4999) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (2) Ensure that the staff providing telephone medical advice services for the in-state or out-of-state telephone medical advice service are licensed as follows:
- (A) For full service health care service plans, the staff hold a valid California license as a registered nurse or a valid license in the state within which they provide telephone medical advice services as a physician and surgeon or physician assistant, and are operating in compliance with the laws governing their respective scopes of practice.
- (B) (i) For specialized health care service plans providing, operating, or contracting with a telephone medical advice service in California, the staff shall be appropriately licensed, registered, or certified as a dentist pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1600) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, as a dental hygienist pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 1740) of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, as a physician and surgeon pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code or the Osteopathic Initiative Act, as a registered nurse pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 2700) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, as a psychologist pursuant to Chapter 6.6 (commencing with Section 2900) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, as an

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optometrist pursuant to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 3000) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, as a marriage and family therapist pursuant to Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 4980) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, as a licensed clinical social worker pursuant to Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 4991) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, as a professional clinical counselor pursuant to Chapter 16 (commencing with Section 4999.10) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, or as a chiropractor pursuant to the Chiropractic Initiative Act, and operating in compliance with the laws governing their respective scopes of practice.

- (ii) For specialized health care service plans providing, operating, or contracting with an out-of-state telephone medical advice service, the staff shall be health care professionals, as identified in clause (i), who are licensed, registered, or certified in the state within which they are providing the telephone medical advice services and are operating in compliance with the laws governing their respective scopes of practice. All registered nurses providing telephone medical advice services to both in-state and out-of-state business entities registered pursuant to this chapter shall be licensed pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 2700) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (3) Ensure that every full service health care service plan provides for a physician and surgeon who is available on an on-call basis at all times the service is advertised to be available to enrollees and subscribers.
- (4) Ensure that staff members handling enrollee or subscriber calls, who are not licensed, certified, or registered as required by paragraph (2), do not provide telephone medical advice. Those staff members may ask questions on behalf of a staff member who is licensed, certified, or registered as required by paragraph (2), in order to help ascertain the condition of an enrollee or subscriber so that the enrollee or subscriber can be referred to licensed staff. However, under no circumstances shall those staff members use the answers to those questions in an attempt to assess, evaluate, advise, or make any decision regarding the condition of an enrollee or subscriber or determine when an enrollee or subscriber needs to be seen by a licensed medical professional.
- (5) Ensure that no staff member uses a title or designation when speaking to an enrollee or subscriber that may cause a reasonable

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person to believe that the staff member is a licensed, certified, or registered professional described in Section 4999.2 of the Business and Professions Code unless the staff member is a licensed, certified, or registered professional.

- (6) Ensure that the in-state or out-of-state telephone medical advice service designates an agent for service of process in California and files this designation with the director.
- (7) Require that the in-state or out-of-state telephone medical advice service makes and maintains records for a period of five years after the telephone medical advice services are provided, including, but not limited to, oral or written transcripts of all medical advice conversations with the health care service plan's enrollees or subscribers in California and copies of all complaints. If the records of telephone medical advice services are kept out of state, the health care service plan shall, upon the request of the director, provide the records to the director within 10 days of the request.
- (8) Ensure that the telephone medical advice services are provided consistent with good professional practice.
- (b) The director shall forward to the Department of Consumer Affairs, within 30 days of the end of each calendar quarter, data regarding complaints filed with the department concerning telephone medical advice services.
- (c) For purposes of this section, "telephone medical advice" means a telephonic communication between a patient and a health care professional in which the health care professional's primary function is to provide to the patient a telephonic response to the patient's questions regarding his or her or a family member's medical care or treatment. "Telephone medical advice" includes assessment, evaluation, or advice provided to patients or their family members.

SEC. 52.

- SEC. 60. Section 10279 of the Insurance Code is amended to read:
- 10279. (a) Every disability insurer that provides group or individual policies of disability, or both, that provides, operates, or contracts for, telephone medical advice services to its insureds shall do all of the following:
- (1) Ensure that the in-state or out-of-state telephone medical advice service complies with the requirements of Chapter 15

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(commencing with Section 4999) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.

- (2) Ensure that the staff providing telephone medical advice services for the in-state or out-of-state telephone medical advice service hold a valid California license as a registered nurse or a valid license in the state within which they provide telephone medical advice services as a physician and surgeon or physician assistant and are operating consistent with the laws governing their respective scopes of practice.
- (3) Ensure that a physician and surgeon is available on an on-call basis at all times the service is advertised to be available to enrollees and subscribers.
- (4) Ensure that the in-state or out-of-state telephone medical advice service designates an agent for service of process in California and files this designation with the commissioner.
- (5) Require that the in-state or out-of-state telephone medical advice service makes and maintains records for a period of five years after the telephone medical advice services are provided, including, but not limited to, oral or written transcripts of all medical advice conversations with the disability insurer's insureds in California and copies of all complaints. If the records of telephone medical advice services are kept out of state, the insurer shall, upon the request of the director, provide the records to the director within 10 days of the request.
- (6) Ensure that the telephone medical advice services are provided consistent with good professional practice.
- (b) The commissioner shall forward to the Department of Consumer Affairs, within 30 days of the end of each calendar quarter, data regarding complaints filed with the department concerning telephone medical advice services.

SEC. 53.

SEC. 61. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within

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- the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.